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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re report of SA (A) EDWARD J. CAHILL, seven copies of which  
are enclosed, dated 10/25/54, at NY.

For the information of the Bureau, the informant,  
[REDACTED] Chase National Bank, has furnished  
information reflecting that on 9/16/54, a check for \$5.00 was  
deposited in the National Committee account. [REDACTED] has advised  
that this was a check of the City of New York. The purpose of  
the payment was not shown on the check. The check itself was  
from the Police Department of the City of New York and was signed  
by F. W. H. ADAMS, Police Commissioner, and also bore the signature  
of a person believed to be MARTIN DELANEY. **B7D**

Inasmuch as this appeared to be an official check of the  
City of New York, no further effort was made to trace this item.  
While this information has not been included in the report which  
is enclosed, it is being set forth in this letter for the Bureau's  
information.

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Title <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka., National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee</b>			Character of Case <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant reports that Detroit Committee is now known as the Detroit Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Local officers in subject organization set forth. Approximately nine large and small meetings held by subject organization between 10/16/53 and 6/16/54 in Detroit:

[REDACTED]

connections with other organizations set forth. Informants advise subject organization presently inactive in Detroit. Other informants have no knowledge of any present activities on part of subject organization. 870

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It is to be noted that T-1 reported on October 10, 1953, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed in January 1952, to raise funds for the defense of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, who were convicted, together with MORTON SOBELL, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and executed on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to serve 30 years in the custody of the Attorney General of the United States.

I. LOCAL HEADQUARTERS, OFFICERS,  
AND CHANGE OF NAME

A. Headquarters

T-2 advised that

[REDACTED] B7D  
It was stated that a new Rosenberg Committee is to be organized in Detroit. Its headquarters will be at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, and subject organization will hold its meetings in a hall on Fenkell and Livernois Streets.

According to T-2, "Glos Ludowy" is a Communist-line Polish-language newspaper published in Detroit, Michigan.

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. Officers

T-3, whose sources are unknown, advised on September 23, 1954, that he is not familiar with the present officers of subject organization, but advised that SAM MAZELL (no other characterization available, Detroit) was Treasurer of subject organization in 1953 and that EVE NEIDELMAN was Secretary in 1953.

T-3 also advised that other officers within subject organization in 1953 were ISADORE STARR and Dr. HENRY RASKIN. T-3 advised he did not know the exact positions held by STARR and RASKIN within the organization.

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According to T-4, as of December 26, 1949, ISADORE STARR has been a dues-paying member of the National Lawyers Guild since March 26, 1944.

The 1950 House Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Lawyers Guild as the "legal bulwark of the CP."

[REDACTED] advised that EVE NEIDELMAN was a member of the Section Committee, Northwest Section, CP, District 7, in April of 1952.

T-5 advised that Dr. HENRY RASKIN has been observed at numerous CP front functions during 1952.

C. Change of Name

T-9 advised on October 11, 1954, that the Detroit Committee in the Rosenberg Case changed their name to the "Detroit Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case."

II. ACTIVITIES

A. Meetings

[REDACTED] T-6 advised that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, had come from New York City and that she is traveling about the country speaking to small groups in private homes, gathering funds for the Trust Fund of the ROSENBERG children. T-6 advised that SOBELL's talk evolved around her book entitled "A Book of Poems." 070

[REDACTED] T-7 stated the case of MORTON SOBELL was reviewed and none of those persons present could 070

understand how he was sentenced to 30 years when all anyone had ever received before was five years for the same offense.

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T-7 advised that one of the speakers spoke on the appeal made by J. EDGAR HOOVER to the American people to turn in all Communists. The speaker then stated that by turning in Communists the people are reduced to their lowest form by making stool pigeons out of them.

[REDACTED]

The main theme of the meeting was discussion of how MORTON SOBELL is presently in Alcatraz on a "give tip" because SOBELL is no more guilty than any of the gathering, but the Government had to give SOBELL a long prison term to cover up for the mistake of sending the ROSENBERGS to the electric chair. b7D

T-8 advised that HELEN SOBELL was the featured speaker at this meeting and she described how she and her husband were kidnapped from Mexico and turned over to the FBI. Mrs. SOBELL went on to state that the court tried to make her husband tell of other people involved and that is why he received 30 years because he had done nothing.

T-3, T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, and T-13, all were in attendance at the above-described meeting held [REDACTED] and reported substantially the same information as did T-8 regarding the meeting. b7D

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B7D

[REDACTED]

B7D

T-15 advised that a meeting of the Rosenberg Committee was held [REDACTED]

and that the meeting dealt with the topic of getting MORTON SOBELL out of Alcatraz.

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[REDACTED]

B7D

T-15 advised that a meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who advised that the Government desires to take the ROSENBERG children away from their grandmother and put them into a children's home. NEIDELMAN advised those gathered to call people and request them to write to the Social Welfare in New York and ask them to leave the ROSENBERG children with their grandmother.

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[REDACTED]

B7D

T-15 advised that a meeting of the Detroit Chapter of captioned organization was held [REDACTED]

and that the main theme of the meeting concerned the ROSENBERG children, and attempts made by the Government to remove the children from the custody of their grandmother and appoint someone over the Trust Fund set up for the ROSENBERG children. Those present at the meeting were requested to send communications to the judge in charge of this case at New York, requesting him not to separate the ROSENBERG children from their grandmother.

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T-3 advised that a rally was held on June 16, 1954, at Rainbow Hall, 5028 Joy Road, Detroit, commemorating the death of the ROSENBERGS.

The Chairman stated that it was a "great loss to the nation when the ROSENBERGS were electrocuted," because every day more information is coming to light, as well as the fact that the people who testified against the ROSENBERGS are being discredited, and today it would be hard to get a conviction of the ROSENBERGS. He further stated that the people should be happy because the ROSENBERGS did not turn informers as it "would be hard to tell how many hundreds of people would have been convicted and sentenced to jail."

T-6, and T-16, a local agency, whose sources are unknown, both were in attendance at the above-described rally held on June 16, 1954, and substantiated the information received from T-3 regarding the rally.

C. Delegates From Detroit Area  
To National Conference At  
Chicago, October 10 and 11, 1953

T-17 reported that on October 10 and 11, 1953, the National Conference on the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case was held at the Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. T-17 advised that approximately 85 individuals were present at the conference sessions, which was not open to the public, and that the following persons from the Detroit area were in attendance as delegates, observers, or individuals. T-17 furnished information concerning their name, address, and occupation, and the name of the committee they represented:

Mr. and Mrs. M. GLEICHER  
2935 Oakman Court  
Detroit  
Salesman  
Delegate  
Detroit Committee

BEN KOCEL  
5854 Chene, Detroit, Michigan  
Polish Weekly  
Delegate  
Glos Ludowy - Peoples Voice  
5854 Chene, Detroit

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LYDIA MATES  
2014 Bloise, Detroit  
Housewife  
Delegate  
Detroit Rosenberg Committee

EVE NEIDELMAN  
2123 Gratiot, Detroit  
Secretary  
Detroit Rosenberg Committee

IDA OLSHANSKY  
15888 Wisconsin, Detroit 21, Michigan  
Housewife  
Delegate  
Detroit Rosenberg Committee

ESTHER SHAPIRO  
2334 Elmhurst, Detroit  
Housewife

ISADORE R. STARR  
2017 Dime Building, Detroit 26, Michigan  
Lawyer  
Delegate  
Detroit Rosenberg Committee

T-18 advised that MORRIS GLEICHER was considered an active CP member in 1946 and engaged in nationality work within the CP.

T-19 advised that MARTHA GLEISHER was a member of the American Students Union in 1943.

The American Students Union has been cited as subversive and un-American by the Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations report dated April 21, 1943, page 3.

According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEN  
KOCEL was issued a 1948 CP card which indicated KOCEL had been a party member for eight years and was an organizer for the Polish Section of the CP.

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T-20 advised that LYDIA MATES was a CP member in 1948.

[REDACTED] advised that IDA OLSHANSKY was a member of the 12th Street CP Club from 1943 through 1949.

T-21 advised that ESTHER SHAPIRO was known to him as a CP member in 1953.

T-22 and T-23 both advised that EVE NEIDELMAN was recognized by them as being one of the delegates from Detroit present at the National Conference on the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case, held in Chicago, on October 10, and 11, 1953.

T-24 advised that at the National Conference held at Chicago on October 10 and 11, 1953, EVE NEIDELMAN from Detroit, Michigan, was elected as a Midwest Regional Board Member of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

D. Literature Disseminated  
in the Detroit Area

On August 4, 1953, T-25 made available a pamphlet entitled "They Have Not Died In Vain", which is a statement of the National Committee of the Communist Party regarding JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. T-26 on August 14, 1953, also made available a copy of a leaflet entitled "They Have Not Died In Vain," issued by the National Committee, CP, and issued by the Michigan State Committee of the CP.

T-7 made available on November 6, 1953, a 168-page book entitled "Death House Letters" which contains many letters written by ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG while they were in prison awaiting execution.

T-12 on December 16, 1953, made available a 120-page pamphlet "Never Losing Faith," for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, which was published by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York, and contains a summary of the ROSENBERG trial and execution.

T-7 also made available a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Never Losing Faith" on November 6, 1953.


T-25 made available on December 16, 1953, a pamphlet printed by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, entitled "A Scientist in Alcatraz, 12 Questions and Answers on the Case of Morton Sobell." Included in this pamphlet is a mimeographed form containing a coupon used for contributing to the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Detroit.

T-5 made available on January 21, 1954, a mimeographed leaflet in the form of a letter bearing a coupon on the bottom portion, published by the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Detroit. The coupon on the bottom of this leaflet requests a contribution to help defray legal expenses for a new trial for SOBELL, and also a contribution to the ROSENBERG children.

T-7 made available on July 8, 1954, a pamphlet and a letter from the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case, which is addressed to "Dear Friend" and states that within the next few months the committee plans to issue a film on the ROSENBERG case and to conduct a campaign to win MORTON SOBELL's removal from Alcatraz until a new trial is granted him. It states the paper upon which these truths will appear, the raw film that will be transformed into drama, the research upon which the legal moves are based, must be paid for by the funds made available. The pamphlet also contains a photograph of a monument of the ROSENBERGS in Paris, France.

#### E. Contributions

T-27 advised that during the period between July 6, 1953, and August 13, 1953, four persons from the Detroit area contributed a total of \$170 to the Rosenberg Book Committee, New York, New York.



T-27 advised that twenty-one persons from the Detroit area contributed a total of \$494 between November 2, 1953, and December 1, 1953, to the National



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Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case account which is maintained at the Chase National Bank, Times Square Branch, 41st Street and 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

T-27 advised that between January 6, 1954, and March 22, 1954, seven persons from the Detroit area contributed a total of \$279.50 to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case account, which is maintained at the Chase National Bank, New York.

### III. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR OTHER RELATED GROUPS

#### A. Communist Party

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the McGraw Section Committee of the CP was held on May 25, 1953, at which time the committee decided that they must take action to help the ROSENBERGS since they have been denied another hearing. It was decided that each member should have five people send postcards to President EISENHOWER on behalf of the ROSENBERGS, and also it was decided that they should work within the foreign-born organizations of the CP on this project.

[REDACTED] advised that the unit membership meeting of the McGraw Section should join in and pass out handbills in defense of the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED] advised that on June 22, 1953, a meeting of the Dearborn Auto Section of the CP was held at 4491 Sixteenth Street, Dearborn, Michigan, at which time it was stated that there would not be any additional discussion during the meeting because there has not been sufficient time to prepare this portion of the program due to the preparation of the "Rosenberg Rally."

It was also stated that the ROSENBERGS are now gone and "we gave them a battle." It was stated at the meeting that a great deal of protest against the execution of the ROSENBERGS in this country, as well as abroad, has been made, and further indicated that the McGraw Club should put out a handbill on the subject of the ROSENBERGS.

B. National Negro Labor Council

The National Negro Labor Council (NNLC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-14 advised on October 5, 1953, that COLEMAN YOUNG has designated a representative of the NNLC from Chicago to represent the National Office at a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to be held in Detroit on October 6, 1953.

According to T-29, COLEMAN YOUNG is the National Executive Secretary of the NNLC.

T-14 advised that the Rosenberg Committee was attempting to get sponsors for the National Committee with representatives' names that mean something. It was indicated that COLEMAN YOUNG had agreed to be one of the National sponsors and that YOUNG had also agreed to obtain the names from the NNLC files of Trade Unionists who might serve in the same manner.

IV. INFORMATION RELATING TO  
SUBJECT ORGANIZATION'S PRESENT INACTIVITY

T-3 advised on September 23, 1954, that at the present time the subject organization has been relatively inactive [REDACTED] b7D

T-26 advised on September 27, 1954, subject organization is presently inactive and only becomes active when the CP wants to feature some left-wing speakers or promote a fund-raising campaign.

The following informants who have previously furnished information regarding subject organization stated on the following dates that they have no information concerning any present activities on the part of subject organization:

T-5	9/28/54
T-8	10/4/54
T-9	10/11/54

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T-1, CG 5923-S*	10/10,11/53	10/10, 11/53		
T-2, [REDACTED]	10/15/53	10/27/53	LEONARD M. HEACOCK	[REDACTED]
	Characterization "Glos Ludowy"			
T-3, [REDACTED]	Local officers, 1953	9/23/54	Oral to JOHN R. COOPER	Instant Report
	1/8/54	1/11/54	ROBERT A. MOFFATT	[REDACTED]
	6/16/54	6/22/54	HAROLD RUBENSTEIN	[REDACTED]
T-4, Anonymous source, characterization of ISADORE STARR	[REDACTED] characterization of EVE NEIDELMAN			
T-5, [REDACTED] characterization Dr. HENRY RASKIN		1/21/54	WILLIAM R. BILLING	[REDACTED]
	Negative	9/28/54	"	Instant Report
T-6, [REDACTED]	10/23/53	10/23/53	CHARLES W. FLYNN GERALD B. NOLAN	[REDACTED]
	6/16/54	7/1/54	CHARLES W. FLYNN	[REDACTED]

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T-7, [REDACTED]	11/3/53	11/6/53	FRANK J. KNOTH	[REDACTED]
"		11/6/53	"	[REDACTED]
"		11/6/53	"	[REDACTED]
"		7/8/54	"	[REDACTED]
T-8 [REDACTED]	Negative, Change of name	10/4/54	ROBERT A. MOFFATT	Instant Report
"	1/8/54	1/11/54	"	[REDACTED]
T-9, [REDACTED]	1/8/54	1/12/54	HAROLD RUBENSTEIN	[REDACTED]
"	Negative and change of name	10/11/54	ROBERT E. SOLOMON	Instant Report
T-10 [REDACTED]	1/8/54	1/22/54	ROBERT A. MOFFATT	[REDACTED]
"	1/19/54	1/20/54	"	"
T-11, [REDACTED]	1/8/54	1/18/54	ROBERT S. CLIFFORD	[REDACTED]
"	3/20/54	3/22/54	"	[REDACTED]
"	Negative	10/8/54	"	Instant Report
T-12, [REDACTED]	1/8/54	1/8/54	ROBERT C. DENZ	[REDACTED]
"		12/16/53	"	[REDACTED]

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T-13, [REDACTED]	1/8/54	1/19/54	JAMES C. HOLMES	[REDACTED]
T-14, [REDACTED]	1/18/54 10/5/53 10/26/53	1/18/54 10/5/53 10/26/53		
T-15, [REDACTED]	2/16/54	2/17/54	ROBERT A. MOFFATT, GERALD B. NOLAN	[REDACTED]
"	3/9/54	3/11/54	"	[REDACTED]
"	3/23/54	3/26/54	ROBERT A. MOFFATT	[REDACTED]
"	Negative	10/4/54	"	Instant Report
T-16, [REDACTED]	6/16/54	6/18/54	JOHN R. NORPEL, JR.	100-20938-485
T-17, Anonymous Source				
T-18, "				
T-19, "				
[REDACTED]	characterization of BEN KOCEL, IDA OLSHANSKY			
T-20, Anonymous source				
T-21, [REDACTED]	characterization of ESTHER SHAPIRO			
T-22, [REDACTED]	10/10,11/53	10/13/53	JOHN D. HURLEY	[REDACTED]
T-23, [REDACTED]	10/10,11/53	10/16/53	ROBERT S. BURGINS, JR	[REDACTED]

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T-24, [REDACTED]	10/10,11/53	10/22/53	GROVER C. THOMPSON	[REDACTED]
T-25, [REDACTED]		8/4/53	MELVILLE H. SHANNON	[REDACTED]
		12/16/53	"	[REDACTED]
	Negative	10/4/54	"	Instant Report
T-26, [REDACTED]		8/14/53	JOHN F. SULLIVAN	[REDACTED]
		9/27/54	"	Instant Report
T-27. [REDACTED] Times Square Branch, Chase National Bank, 41st St., and 7th Ave., New York City	Info re account of NCSJ	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	EDWARD J. CAHILL (A)	100-20938- 410
		11/2/53	"	100-20938- 463
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[REDACTED]	6/22/53	6/25/53	JOHN F. SULLIVAN	[REDACTED]
T-29, [REDACTED]	Characterization of COLEMAN YOUNG			
T-30, [REDACTED]	Negative	9/28/54	WILLIAM R. BILLING	Instant Report <b>B7D</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This case is being RUC'd since informants have advised that subject organization is presently inactive. At the present time there are no formulated plans for future activity and this case will be reopened in the event of future activity.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM BROWN, Detroit, 11/16/53.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE, WAS;

IS - C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, [REDACTED]

CHASE NATIONAL BANK, 41ST STREET AND BROADWAY, NYC, HAS <sup>(b)7(a)</sup>

ADVISED THAT US INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU HAS FILED A TAX LIEN

AGAINST SUBJECT'S CHECKING ACCOUNT AT CHASE BANK. THE LIEN

AMOUNTS TO \$124,121.96. THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY IN THIS

ACCOUNT SINCE 10/18/54 AT WHICH TIME BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

TOTALED \$281.70. INTERNAL REVENUE HAS ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT <sup>820</sup>

NECESSARY PAPERS WILL BE SERVED ON CHASE SHORTLY, THUS

ENABLING US TO COLLECT ABOVE BALANCE. ABOVE FOR BUREAU INFO.

KELLY

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*[Handwritten initials]*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ (100-107111)(7-2)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
IS-C

DATE: 11/8/54

The following article appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of October 21, 1954, on page 2, columns 4-5:

Yesterday the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL issued a statement protesting the government's attempt to obtain over \$124,00 in taxes from the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

The NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE was dissolved a year ago. It was this committee which fought for the lives of the Jewish couple Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The court case to obtain taxes from the dissolved, non-existent Rosenberg Committee, is obviously aimed against the COMMITTEE TO DEFEND MORTON SOBELL, to hurt this defense, the friends of the Jewish scientist who received thirty years at Alcatraz.

Ted Jacob, a representative of the Sobell Committee, <sup>said</sup> that the charge is "an act of revenge".

"This comes at a time when more people are becoming better acquainted with the facts in the Morton Sobell case through the work of the Sobell Committee", the representative said. "We are certain that no stones placed on the path to the truth will stop the work for justice for Morton Sobell".

Translated by : SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-59884)

DATE: 11/15/54

FROM : SA JAMES R. HOYMAN Section 12-10

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN RATHER  
SM-C

In connection with an effort to ascertain the current employment of the captioned subject [REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

[REDACTED] New York was contacted by the writer on 10/26/54. At this time she furnished the writer with a mimeographed letter under the letter head of the BRONX ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE, 862 East Tremont Ave., Bronx New York. This letter is one in which a plea is made for funds for the above committee. The letter identifies the captioned subject as the finance director of the above mentioned committee. This letter is maintained in the 1A section of the instant file.

[REDACTED] (b) 7(d)

On 11/15/54 a Fisur of the subject conducted by the writer developed that he is presently employed by the National Tea Packing Co., Inc., 34-08 Northern Blvd., Queens New York.

[REDACTED] of the above firm also advised on 11/15/54 that the subject had been employed by this firm as a machinist since May 1954. (b) 7(d)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

FROM : SA ROBERT J. BARRY

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

DATE: NOV. 16, 1954

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In conjunction with the below, informant advised that apparently the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and the New York Rosenberg-Sobell Committee have decided to separate financially but will continue to share the same office space. It appears that the burden of financial responsibility to the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee will now be shared by committees around the nation instead of singularly by the New York Committee.

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RJB:VA

cc: [REDACTED]

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**FEL, PH 11/19/54**

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS, C.**  
**DAYLE T. PH-240-S ADVISED 11/19/54 THAT PHILA. CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED**  
**ORGANIZATION WILL HOLD MEETING AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS, 932 CHESTNUT ST.,**  
**PH, 11/22/54, AT 8:30 P.M. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT HELEN SOBELL, WIFE OF**  
**MORTON SOBELL, WILL BE MAIN SPEAKER.**

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**CC/tpm**  
**100-37667**  
**(3BU, 1HY, 3PH)**

**cc [redacted] orally RE A. COOPER) B2**  
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS, C.

D A Y L E T. [REDACTED] FURNISHED A MIMEOGRAPHED LET DATED  
11/18/54, FROM PH CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. THIS LET, IN ADDITION  
TO ANNOUNCING A MEETING FOR THE LOCAL CHAPTER, SETS FORTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS  
AND PLANS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE LET STATES THAT STEPHEN LOVE, A CG  
ATTORNEY, HAS TAKEN OVER THE LEGAL EFFORTS TO EFFECT A TRANSFER OF SOBELL  
FROM ALCATRAZ. LET STATES THAT ALTHOUGH LOVE HAS STUDIED AND SPOKEN ON THE  
CASE THAT THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST ASSOCIATION WITH THE CASE AS COUNSEL. CLAIMS  
THAT LOVE HAS VISITED SOBELL AT ALCATRAZ AND PLANS TO VISIT HIM AGAIN IN NEAR  
FUTURE TO PLAN PROGRAM FOR LEGAL ACTION. LET URGES THAT LETS BE WRITTEN TO

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PAGE TWO:

FEDERAL DIRECTOR OF PRISONS JAMES V. BENNETT, URGING THAT SOBELL BE TRANSFERRED FROM ALCATRAZ. LET CLAIMS THAT RECENTLY A "WEST COAST CONFERENCE OF INQUIRY ON THE SOBELL CASE" WAS HELD ON THE WEST COAST SPONSORED BY OUTSTANDING CALIFORNIANS, INCLUDING DANIEL MARSHALL, ESQ., AND JUDGE EDWARD P. TOTTEN. LET CLAIMS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS IMPORTANT STEP IN BRINGING TOGETHER ATTORNEYS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO EXAMINE MORAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS RE SOBELL'S TRIAL AND IMPRISONMENT AT ALCATRAZ. LET ANNOUNCES THAT NEW BOOK ENTITLED "THE JUDGEMENT OF JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG," BY JOHN WEXLEY, WILL BE ISSUED IN NEAR FUTURE. THIS BOOK WILL CONTAIN DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE ROSENBERG-SOBELL CASE. LET STATES THAT SF CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HAS INITIATED A CAMPAIGN TO OBTAIN 500 LETTERS AND 1,000 SIGNATURES IN ORDER TO HELP EFFECT SOBELL'S TRANSFER FROM ALCATRAZ. LET STATES THAT CG CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED GROUP WILL HOLD A TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN NEAR FUTURE FOR DR. HAROLD C. UREY. LET CLAIMS THAT ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF SOBELL IS PLANNED FOR BS, BA AND WASH., D.C., AS WELL AS CITIES IN IOWA, MISSOURI, ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN. ABOVE FOR INFO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, LOS ANGELES

*11/26/54*

ROSENBERG-SOBEL COMMITTEE, IS-C, DAYLET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL RSC THAT  
IN FUTURE ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO HELEN SOBEL DUE TO  
FACT GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED A LIEN ON FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR UNPAID TAXES. (b) 7(d)

MALONE

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cc: 1 - 100-43372. (Daylet)  
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[REDACTED] to SA R. J. BARRY, 11/22/54. (b) 7(d)

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TITLE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was: National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ACCOUNTING REPORT

At a conference held in Chicago, 10/10 and 11/53, there was formed the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee. During December, 1953, this committee became known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Aims of the committee are to secure a new trial for MORTON SOBELL and to secure his transfer from Alcatraz to some other Federal penitentiary. The NCSJ has maintained a checking account at the Chase National Bank, NYC, from 7/16/52 to 10/18/54. During this period, the credits to this account totaled \$372,498.08. Informant has furnished information concerning the identity of numerous contributors to the committee, details of which are set forth. On 10/18/54, the US Internal Revenue Service, NYC, filed a lien with the Chase National Bank against the NCSJ account. The lien totaled \$124,121.96. On 11/5/54, the Chase National Bank delivered the balance of this account, which amounted to \$281.70, to the Internal Revenue Service. (c)

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJ)

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

T-1 and T-2, both of known reliability, advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952. The claim of this committee was that the ROSENBERGS were convicted because they were Jews and because of their political beliefs. The aim of this committee was to secure a new trial or clemency for the ROSENBERGS. The ROSENBERGS were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

On October 13, 1953, T-3, of known reliability, advised that a national conference of the committee was held in Chicago on October 10 and 11, 1953, and the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee was formed on October 11, 1953.

T-4 and T-5, of known reliability, advised in December, 1953, that the committee during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. (e)

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On May 7, 1954, T-7, of known reliability, advised that the purpose of the committee is to raise money for SOBELL to obtain a retrial and to have him removed from Alcatraz to some other penitentiary. (e)

T-7 further advised that the activity of the NCSJ is limited to publicity for SOBELL, money raising, and demands for retrial and transfer from Alcatraz. T-7 further advised on May 7, 1954, that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, was angry with the NCSJ because since SOBELL went to prison, there has been little to no emphasis on his case and he is just sitting out his thirty years in jail. T-7 advised that HELEN SOBELL is doing more than anyone else and tries to get on platforms as a speaker at various front rallies. T-7 advised there would be increasing activity on behalf of SOBELL and that the NCSJ would not die out. (e)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NCSJ

The following information was made available on a confidential basis and should not be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-6, of known reliability, has furnished the following information reflecting the activity in the checking account of the NCSJ at the Chase National Bank, Times Square Branch, 41st Street and Broadway, New York, New York. This activity covers the period from October 1, 1954 to November 5, 1954:

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RECORD OF ACTIVITY

Date

1954

October 1	Balance	\$	378.90
	<u>Deposits</u>		
October 4	\$	295.78	
October 6		21.50	
October 8		489.00	
October 11		76.50	
October 13		26.00	
October 15		100.00	
October 18		88.00	
	Total Deposits		<u>1,096.78</u>
	Total Funds Available		1,475.68
	Total Withdrawals		<u>1,193.98</u>
	Balance November 5, 1954	\$	<u>281.70</u>

According to information available to T-6, it has been determined that during the period July 16, 1952, to October 18, 1954, the total credits to the committee's account at the Chase National Bank totaled \$372,498.08.

The informant has been able to furnish identifying information concerning payments made to the committee. Set out below are the names of individuals who have made payments in favor of the NCSJ, together with the amount of money paid and the method of payment. The informant was unable to furnish the contributors' addresses. However, the informant was above to identify the names of the banks on

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which the checks were drawn in favor of the NCSJ. Set out below are four columns, the first captioned "Date of Deposit", indicating the date the payor's check was deposited in the account of the NCSJ. The column headed "Remitter" is the payor's name as furnished by the informant. The informant was unable to furnish any information concerning the identity of the cash contributors to the committee's account.

CONTRIBUTORS

CHICAGO

<u>Date of Deposit By NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
<u>1954</u>			
10/1	\$ 6.33	THEO JACOBS (United Air Lines, Inc.)	Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, Illinois
10/18	10.00	MARK J. SATTER	L <sup>o</sup> Salle National Bank, Chicago, Illinois
10/18	5.00	Money Order No. 214668, L. MONOBON, Chicago, Illinois, North & Clark Currency Exchange, - 110 W. North Avenue	Central National Bank, Chicago, Illinois
10/18	5.00	EDWIN JOHNSON	Park National Bank, Milwaukee at Central Park, Chicago, Illinois

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CHICAGO (CONT'D)

<u>Date of Deposit</u> <u>By NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
<u>1954</u>			
10/18	\$ 5.00	MILDRED BLOCK	Chatham Bank of Chicago, Illinois
10/18	3.00	D. D. BARTA	Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois

CLEVELAND

10/14	100.00	JENNY DENERSTEIN	The Cleveland Trust Company, Euclid 105th Office, Cleveland, Ohio
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LOS ANGELES

10/11	30.00	ALBERT MALTZ	Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, 6777 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California
10/13	2.00	LOUIS LEONARD	Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, 5303 Lankershim, North Hollywood, California

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MILWAUKEE

<u>Date of Deposit BY NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
<u>1954</u>			
10/1	\$ 11.00	Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress	The Bank of Commerce, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

NEWARK

10/8	5.00	HARRY COHEN, M.D.	First National Bank of Roselle, New Jersey
10/13	5.00	LOUIS GOLDSMITH	The Peoples National Bank, New Jersey

SAN FRANCISCO

10/6	5.00	GENALA BURKS	Bank of America, South Berkeley Branch, Berkeley, California
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ST. LOUIS

10/11	36.50	HAVEN P. or- CLARA MAE PERKINS	Manchester Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
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WASHINGTON FIELD

<u>Date of Deposit</u> <u>By NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
<u>1954</u>			
10/8	\$ 5.00	SOPHIE DENENBERG	National Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C.
10/18	30.00	DOROTHY TODD	National Savings & Trust Company, Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK

10/1	260.00	<u>HELEN L. SOBELL</u>	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City
10/11	5.00	<u>ELSIE SIFF</u>	Manufacturers Trust Company, 131 East 23rd Street, New York City
10/11	5.00	<u>HANS FREIS</u>	Bank of Commerce, 56 East 42nd Street, New York City
10/13	10.00	<u>SARA ABELSON</u>	The Amalgamated Bank of New York, 11-15 Union Square, New York City
10/18	10.00	<u>ALICE B. CITRON</u>	Chemical Bank & Trust Company, Broadway Office, New York City

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T-6 has been able to furnish information concerning the various checks drawn by the NCSJ. This information has been reviewed and the following schedule reflects items which appear to be of interest to this investigation:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Endorser and/or Explanation</u>
<u>1954</u>			
10/4	\$250.00	STEPHEN LOVE	Attorney's fees
10/6	117.39	Cash	LEAH SCHNEIDER, committee employee, cashed this check at the Chase National Bank
10/7	50.00	MEYER HARBUS	Accounting fees
10/8	160.00	Cash	Cashed by LEAH SCHNEIDER, committee employee, at the Chase National Bank
10/8	117.80	Cash	Cashed by LEAH SCHNEIDER, committee employee, at the Chase National Bank
10/14	62.30	NORMA AROMSON	NCSJ employee

TAX LIEN FILED AGAINST COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT

T-6 advised that on October 18, 1954, the United States Internal Revenue Service, New York City, had filed a tax lien against the checking account of the NCSJ at the Chase National Bank. The levy filed by Internal Revenue against this account amounted to \$124,121.96. This levy covered the period from November 1, 1951 to October 31, 1953.

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According to T-6, on November 5, 1954, the balance in the committee's account at Chase amounted to \$281.70, which was delivered to Internal Revenue on that date. This action by Chase closes the committee's account at the Chase National Bank.

ROSENBERG BOOK COMMITTEE

T-8, of known reliability, on July 14, 1953, advised that a checking account was opened at the Times Square Branch of the Chase National Bank, New York City, in the name of the Rosenberg Book Committee, 1050 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York.

It is to be noted that this is the same address as used by the NCSJ.

The "National Guardian", dated June 15, 1953, stated that the "Death House Letters of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, a one dollar book of the letters of the couple to each other, their children, their attorneys, and others, came off the press June 11, 1953. Published by the Jero Publishing Company. Profits will be held in trust for the ROSENBERG children, MICHAEL and ROBBIE".

T-6 has advised that on October 21, 1954, the balance in the account amounted to \$87.52. During the month of October, there has been no activity in this account other than the usual service charges by the bank.

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T-3 [REDACTED]	National Conference, Chicago, formation of National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee b7d	10/13/53		100-107111-1269A
T-4 [REDACTED]	December, 1953 NCSJ b2	12/17/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK	100-107111-1365-B
T-5 [REDACTED]	December, 1953 NCSJ b2	12/21/53	SA MALCOLM J. BARRETT SE ROBERT W. THOMSON	100-107111-1365C

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SA EDWARD  
J. CAHILL

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7th Avenue,  
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SA RICHARD  
H. BLASSER

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LEADS

CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, LOS ANGELES, MILWAUKEE, NEWARK,  
SAN FRANCISCO, ST. LOUIS, WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

Copies of this report are being designated for the above field offices for information due to the activity of the NCSJ within these field divisions.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow the activities of the NCSJ and report all pertinent information received to the Bureau.

REFERENCE

Report of SA(A) EDWARD J. CAHILL, New York, 10/25/54 and 6/9/54.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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The subject was interviewed on 11/10/54 by SA GERARD A. FONDO and the writer.

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She said she later discovered that GERSTEN was carrying on activities on behalf of the ROSENBERGS and was advertising for contributions in out of town newspapers. She related that in the afternoons JOAN (LNU) helped GERSTEN in his office. [REDACTED] telephonically identified JOAN (LNU) as JOAN ISSERMAN, telephone TR 7-1808, who had arranged transportation to Miami via Eastern Airlines on 1/26/53 [REDACTED]

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She related that during a regular business convass of summer vacation spots, she visited Arrowhead Lodge in about February of 1953. She added that she then became acquainted with FANNIE NEWMAN, its owner.

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She said she knew nothing derogatory concerning WEEMAN or the Lodge.

It is suggested that [REDACTED] be given a T symbol in reporting  
any of the above information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FD-71  
7-30-54  
Hankel  
SA John  
12-2-54

COMPLAINT FORM

[Redacted]

Rosenberg Committee  
Subject's Name and Aliases

[Redacted]  
Name of Complainant

1050 E. Ave.  
Address of Subject

[Redacted]  
Address of Complainant

15-C  
Character of Case

12/6/54 11:45  
Telephone no. of Complainant  
Date & Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant telephonically advised  
that [Redacted]

He stated a "Rosenberg Committee" The  
other day a package arrived from  
2041 Jackson Blvd, Chicago Ill. for the  
Rosenberg Committee [Redacted]

It was the contents of pamphlets re a  
Testimonial dinner for Mr. Harold C. [Redacted]  
Chicago Ill on 1/29/55. [Redacted]

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Route [Redacted] by [Redacted]  
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SA E. K. DEANE (100-107111)

DATE: December 9, 1954

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REMINGTON DEATH STIRS FEARS

OF WIFE OF ALCATRAZ PRISONER

Asks Prison Director Insure Safety of Morton Sobell  
By Transfer from Scene of "Provocations."

NEW YORK, NOV.24--Helen Sobell, wife of Alcatraz prisoner Morton Sobell who was sentenced to 30 years in the Rosenberg trial, today sent the following telegram to James V. Bennett, Federal Director of Prisons in Washington:

"I am extremely concerned for the safety of my husband, Morton Sobell. I feel that the criminal attack on William Remington is another instance of the kind of pressure and intimidation which has been directed against my husband and which resulted in his unjustifiable placement in Alcatraz.

"Recently the F.B.I. visited my husband to ask him to change his testimony and say that he was guilty and that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were guilty. I feel that these visits might have been an attempt to focus unfavorable attention on him by other inmates of Alcatraz, with whom he has always maintained good relations.

"William Remington's death convinces me that there is a real danger to my husband from these visits. I ask you to insure the safety of my husband by removing him from Alcatraz, where he has been so recently subjected to these provocations.

"My husband must not be hurt or killed while we are taking steps toward proving his innocence."

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : WILLIAM P. FRIDAY, SA (100-107111) (6)

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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DATE: 12/13/54

On [redacted] furnished the writer with a pamphlet entitled, "The Scientist in Alcatraz, Questions and Answers on the case of MORTON SOBELL", which he obtained from the Jefferson School of Social Science. (b) 7(d)

This pamphlet is being maintained in the 1A exhibit of instant case file as exhibit 1 B 6 3 7.

1-NY [redacted] (7-5) (b) 7(d)

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 12-13-54

FROM : SA John H. Wagner

SUBJECT: Rosenberg - Sobell Committee  
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[REDACTED] furnished with attached testimonial scroll to be presented Dr. Harold C. Vrey in Chicago on 1/29/55. It was sent to Rosenberg - Sobell Comtee. at above address with return address of Room 1301, 20 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois (b) 7(d)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Berkowitz had given space to the "Committee" against the protest of some tenants approximately 2 1/2 - 3 yrs. ago. Judore Neelkman is Berkowitz' attorney. Caluel (b) 7(d)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: December 14, 1954

FROM : SA M. J. BARRETT (100-107111)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HELEN SOBELL WINS RIGHT TO SPEAK AT MINNESOTA U:  
200 ATTEND AND 30 SIGN TELEGRAM TO BENNETT

Dean Gives in to Student Demands to hear Mrs.

MINNEAPOLIS--Helen Sobell, wife of imprisoned scientist  
Sobell, spoke at the University of Minnesota on Friday (Dec  
after a campus controversy over whether or not the university  
permit her to appear.

A crowd of 200 turned out to hear Mrs. Sobell tell the  
in her husband's case, and when the meeting was over, 30 people  
in the audience signed a telegram requesting Prison Director  
V. Bennett to transfer Morton Sobell from Alcatraz.

The story of Mrs. Sobell's visit was front page news for  
days running in the Minnesota Daily, campus newspaper with  
largest circulation of the nation's college dailies. The paper  
gave its editorial support to Mrs. Sobell's right to speak.  
meeting at which she spoke was sponsored by the campus Social

Before the meeting, Mrs. Sobell held a press conference  
was attended by reporters from the city newspapers in Minn.  
as well as college reporters.

Last Thursday the Senate Committee on Student Affairs  
that Mrs. Sobell be allowed to speak. It was then up to Dean  
Williamson to give his approval. On Thursday the Dean said  
written statement:

"With some reluctance, I am approving the request of the  
Socialist Club to present Mrs. Helen Sobell as a speaker for  
Friday meeting in line with yesterday's recommendation of the  
(Senate Committee). I am sorry I was unable to attend the  
of the committee and explain that I continue to experience  
in seeing that this speaker's topic provides opportunity for  
students to learn some new slants on some national issue.

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"It seemed to me to be a personal cause that may have little educational value for us unless the speaker uses her opportunity to explain some alleged weakness in our system of justice, security, or something else of great significance to all of us at the University."

The editorial published in the Minnesota Daily reads as follows:

"We don't like martyrs. We want no one to be made a martyr because they weren't allowed to appear on campus. Therefore we welcome Dean Williamson's decision, and the senate committee on student affairs recommendation that Mrs. Sobell be allowed to speak here tomorrow.

"We want no opportunities for anyone to say the University is infringing on the American traditions of free speech or free press. The dean indicates he has doubts about the educational value of Mrs. Sobell's speech, that she is here speaking for a 'personal cause.' Yet her personal cause, as outlined to us in a memo circulated by the student activities bureau, is one concerning basic American rights; fair trial and penalty fitting the crime.

"Mrs. Sobell feels these rights were violated under the American judicial system. She has a right to be heard.

"Socialist club will be the loser if Mrs. Sobell's speech is merely a personal harangue. Responsible people have urged she be allowed to speak here. The dean has passed on the club's request to sponsor her.

"She has been given the opportunity to be heard by University people. She and her sponsor now have the obligation to see that the talk is worthwhile."

Following her meeting in Minnesota, Mrs. Sobell left on a trip to San Francisco, where she will visit her husband, Morton Sobell, who has steadfastly maintained his innocence of the conspiracy to commit espionage charge on which he was convicted in the Rosenberg trial, is now in his fifth year of


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TITLE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 6/24/54 local branch sponsored meeting at Seattle.

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ MARY GIBSON local branch secretary in November issued letter calling for \$500 for the Committee. 070

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**DETAILS:** Confidential informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise described.

### I. ACTIVITY

Confidential Informant T-1 advised during May, 1954, that IRENE B. HULL, 2323 Boylston North, Seattle, Wash., was one who advocated that MORTON SOBELL be removed from Alcatraz Penitentiary and be transferred to some prison more convenient for his family and attorneys.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised IRENE B. HULL paid \$10.00 to the Civil Rights Congress at Seattle during June, 1954.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AND IF ADVISED BY MAILING  
 ADVISE THE DIRECTOR  
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The SEATTLE TIMES, a daily newspaper, carried an article May 7, 1954, page three, column five, reflecting that DAVID ALMAN, described as National Secretary of the Committee for Justice in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case, would speak at Seattle on May 8, 1954 in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that in June, 1954 the National ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee received \$10.00 from ALBERT KASTNER and I. SERIER.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that ALBERT KASTNER as recently as October, 1954 donated \$10.00 to the Civil Rights Congress at Seattle.

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During September, 1953, I. SERIER of Kennewick Wash., paid \$5.00 to the PEOPLE'S WORLD, Northwest Bureau, at Seattle.

The Washington State Executive Board of the Communist Party in the PEOPLE'S WORLD, Northwest Edition, Friday, April 2, 1954, in an article on pages 3 and 6, captioned "Communists Urge P.W. Drive Speed", called upon "every communist and every communist committee and club" to give full support to the DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD 1954 circulation drive.

Confidential Informants T-6, T-7, and T-8 attended the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee meeting

[REDACTED]

According to T-7 and T-8, who were present, certain of the ROSENBERG letters were read, a record was played pertaining to the case of MORTON SOBELL, which was called "The Rock", and a plea was made for funds to pay attorneys' fees so that further effort could be exerted to transfer SOBELL from Alcatraz.

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[REDACTED]

Confidential Informant T-10 has advised that CAROLYN "Kelley" CANAFAX during the spring of 1953 was transferred from the position of Southend Organizer, King County, Northwest District, Communist Party-USA, into the position of Organizer of Communist Party activities in the West Seattle area of this district.

[REDACTED]

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II. LOCAL OFFICERS

Informant T-6 further advised regarding the meeting sponsored by subject organization [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that MARY GIBSON was the person in charge and officially opened the meeting. Miss GIBSON was assisted principally by GRETCHAN "Dot" DAVIS. According to this informant, it was these two women who at this meeting alleged that the U. S. Government "persecuted" the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL in bringing them to trial.

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Confidential Informant T-12 stated that in December, 1952, MARY GIBSON sent a letter of protest to Judge HARRY M. MONTGOMERY, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MARY GIBSON protested to the fact that STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District Five, Communist Party -USA, had been committed to Jail.

Confidential Informant T-13 during October, 1950 stated that GRETCHAN "Dot" DAVIS was known to be a Communist Party member [REDACTED]

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T-1, [REDACTED]	5/6/54	5/6/54	Washington Field (orally)	
T-2, [REDACTED] Main Office, Nat'l Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Wn.	6/7/54	7/1/54	GEORGE H. ASDELL	100-18270-1B1 Vol 4 (321)
	10/5/54	11/1/54	"	100-18270-1B1 Vol 4 (325)
T-3, [REDACTED] Chase Nat'l Bank New York City, NY	6/16, 6/22/54	6/16/54	EDWARD J. CAHILL, NYC	Se 100-22197-356
T-4, [REDACTED]	6/52	12/11/52	WILLIAM P. SPRINGSTON, PHILIP J. FLEMING	Se 100-0-31867
T-5, Se 521-S	9/14/53	10/8/53	GEORGE H. ASDELL	100-0-31867C
T-6, [REDACTED]	6/24/54	6/25/54	WILLIAM R. MARKHAM	[REDACTED]
T-7, [REDACTED]	6/24/54	7/6/54	TIMOTHY W. CALLAWAY	[REDACTED]
T-8, [REDACTED]	6/24/54	7/6/54	TIMOTHY W. CALLAWAY	[REDACTED]

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T-9 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/22/54	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-22197-1A(15)
T-10 [REDACTED]	Characterization of KELLEY CANAFAX		RAY W. RICHARDSON	
T-11 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11/15/54	ROBERT E. MASON	[REDACTED]
T-12 [REDACTED]	STEVE NELSON letter 12/52	12/23/52	WILLIAM C. HENDRICKS	100-20248-88
[REDACTED]	Characterization of MARY GIBSON			
T-13 [REDACTED]	Characterization of DOT DAVIS		STEVE S. CARTER	

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LEADS

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

The operations and activities of subject organization at Seattle will be followed until specific information has been received of its dissolution.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT E. MASON dated May 7, 1954 at Seattle, Washington.

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Director, FBI (100-3-42)

12/16/54

SAC, Dallas (100-293)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT #23  
DALLAS DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re: DOE ROTHEBERG

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant stated that ROTHEBERG claimed to have come to Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of soliciting funds in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, convicted Russian espionage agent, which money was to be used to fight for the release of SOBELL from prison.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During the meeting, ROTHEBERG indicated that after leaving Dallas, he was going to either Phoenix, Arizona, or Denver, Colorado.

The informant gave the following description of ROTHEBERG:

Age	35
Height	60
Weight	175
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark Brown
Complexion	Very Dark
Build	Slender
Race	White
Scars & Marks	Has 3 moles on left side of face, one mole between nose and upper lip

The aforementioned is being submitted for information purposes.

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  - 1 - Denver (RM)
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SAC [redacted] (b) 7(d)

12/20/54

SA RALPH G. MURDY

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted]

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The information furnished by this source is documented as follows:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted]	Undated letter and pamphlet re MORTON SOBELL.	12/7/54	RALPH G. MURDY (b) 7(d)	[redacted]
[redacted]	Two circulars re "The Minnesota Daily" on MORTON SOBELL.	12/14/54	RALPH G. MURDY (b) 7(d)	[redacted]
[redacted]	Two copies of pamphlet "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL"	12/14/54	RALPH G. MURDY (b) 7(d)	[redacted]

12/22/54  
[redacted]

[redacted]

(b) 7(d)

The letter is from the "Baltimore Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, P. O. Box 7043, Welbrook Station, Baltimore 16, Maryland" and is signed by PAULINE BOYER, Secretary. Although the letter is undated it makes reference to the Thanks

RGM:psp

cc: 100-15201 Balto. Sobell Committee

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[redacted]

3 New York (REGIS. MAIL)  
National Sobell Committee

F.T. Co. [redacted]

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giving reason and requests the reader to study the enclosed material on SOBELL's case.

The enclosed material was a copy of the pamphlet "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL" issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York. The pamphlet is four pages and after reviewing the Rosenberg trial requests the reader to write JAMES W. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Justice Department, Washington, D. C., urging him to remove SOBELL from Alcatraz to a regular federal prison.

This source advised that at a meeting of the Baltimore Sobell Committee [redacted] which is described in a separate memorandum she received two additional copies of the pamphlet "The Facts in the case of MORTON SOBELL," described above.

On December 11, 1954, the source also received two copies of a circular in which an article in "The Minnesota Daily" concerning MORTON SOBELL was reproduced. The article dated December 2, 1954, concerned the appearance of Mrs. HELEN SOBELL at a meeting of the Socialist Club at the University of Minnesota.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (100-New)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka National  
Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National  
Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.  
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It is noted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

are all Security Index subjects of this Division. It is further to be noted that T-1 and T-2, both of known reliability, advised the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial or clemency for the ROSENBERGS, who were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

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It is further to be noted that T-3 and T-4, both of known reliability, advised in December, 1953, the committee during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case.

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All offices receiving copies of this letter are directed to Dallas Letter to Director dated 12/16/54, case entitled "Communist Party - USA, District 23, Dallas Division, IS-C", wherein it appears the DON ROTHENBERG mentioned in this letter is identical with the above-mentioned person.

The above information is furnished for informational purposes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 12/29/54

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950  
(OO - New York)

On 12/15/54, HERMAN ERWIN THOMAS, 518 North 23d Street, Allentown, Pa., [redacted] who was exposed as an FBI informant during the Philadelphia Smith Act trial, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT E. KENT and THOMAS F. HANNIGAN. At this time he furnished the following concerning his knowledge of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case: **B2**

During the campaign to save the ROSENBERGS from execution the Lehigh Valley Section of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware supported this activity through fund raising, literature distributions, and other efforts aimed at winning popular support for the ROSENBERGS. No formal organization was established in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania during this campaign, however, SYLVIA FREEDLAND was assigned by CP leaders to act as contact between the National Rosenberg Committee and the Lehigh Valley area. She received literature from the National Committee in New York City which in turn was distributed through the facilities and efforts of the Lehigh Valley Section of the CP. Funds collected by members of the CP were transmitted to the national organization through FREEDLAND. FREEDLAND was not known to have any connection with the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

House parties were held at FREEDLAND's residence to raise funds for the ROSENBERGS. Others active in this campaign in the Lehigh Valley area were WILLIAM POWERS, Section Organizer of the Lehigh Valley Section, CP, EPD, and IRVING RISKIN, a CP member.

THOMAS stated he knew SYLVIA FREEDLAND to have attended CP meetings and to have contributed to the CP but stated he did not know her to be a member of the CP.

THOMAS is available and willing to appear as a witness before the Subversive Activities Control Board. *100-107111-1630*

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cc: 100-38703 (COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR HORTON SOBEL IN

THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] OF KNOWN

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IN HOMES AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO RAISE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED IN

FREEDING HER HUSBAND FROM PRISON. PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE

FOR SOBEL TO APPEAR ON 1/16/55 AT HOME OF MANDEL TERMAN,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CG COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP.

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1632	1/4/55	NH memo to NY	1	1		
1633	1/5/55	LA radiogram to HQ	1	0		
1634	1/6/55	SA memo to SAC	3	3		
1635	1/6/55	SA memo to SAC	5	5		
1636	1/6/55	SA memo to SAC	3	3		
1637	1/6/55	SA memo to SAC	1	0		see NY 100-3768
1638	1/6/55	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ, CG, NY	1	0		
1639	1/12/55	NY letter to NH	1	1		
1640	1/19/55	NY letter to HQ	1	1		
1641	1/18/55	SA letter to SL	8	6		
1642	1/19/55	SL Airtel CG	1	0		
1643	1/26/55	BA report to NY	43	4		REFER TO ANOTHER GOV'T AGENCY

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File No: 100-10711Re: Rosenberg/SobellDate: 1/28  
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1644	2/3/55	SA letter to SAC	1	1		
1645	2/3/55	SA letter to SAC CG	2	2		
1646	2/7/55	HQ letter to NY w/ ENCL.	5	-		SEE HQ FILE 65-58036
1647	2/7/55	NV report to HQ	18	-		REFER TO ANOTHER GOVT AGENCY
1648	2/8/55	PH AIRTEL TO HQ NY, MP, CV, CG, SF, LA	1	1		
1649	2/9/55	SA memo to SAC	2	2		
1650	2/9/55	SF airtel to HQ	1	0		
1651	2/9/55	WFO memo to CG	2	0		
1652	2/9/55	SL report to HQ	15	15		
1653	No Date	Report of Article and Charges	2	2		

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- Prosecutive summaries - sub file E*
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- William L. ... - sub file G*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [Handwritten initials]  
FROM: [Handwritten initials]  
SUBJECT: [Handwritten initials]

SAC, NEW YORK  
SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-2253)  
JOHN OGULNICK, aka  
Chone Ogulnick  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: January 4, 1954

Re: New York letter to the Director dated 11/23/53  
entitled "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C", New York file  
100-107111.

It is requested that the New York Office furnish the  
New Haven Office with complete information furnished  
by Confidential Informant [redacted] Chase  
(National Bank) as to date information received, Agent  
to whom furnished and location. This information to  
be utilized in report. b7D

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NY  
FROM : SA EVERETT H. DENNIS

DATE: 1-6-55

SUBJECT: NATIONAL Committee To Secure Justice  
IN ROSENBERG CASE (100-107111)  
IS-C

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SA E.H. Dennis & SA J.H. Miller

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Description of Exhibits:  
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1050 Sixth Ave., New York 18, N.Y. LO 4-9585

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOBELL'S LIFE ENDANGERED IN ALCATRAZ,

WIFE TELLS EISENHOWER IN PLEA FOR TRANSFER

MAN WHO ASSAULTED COMMUNIST LEADER ROBERT THOMPSON  
NOW IN ALCATRAZ PRISON WITH MORTON SOBELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 27--President Eisenhower was told today that the transfer to Alcatraz of the man who nearly killed a Communist leader placed the life of scientist Morton Sobell in immediate danger.

Mrs. Morton Sobell has written a letter to the President urging him to see that her husband is immediately transferred from Alcatraz to a regular federal prison. Mr. Sobell, convicted in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial and sentenced to 30 years, has maintained his absolute innocence and is seeking a new trial.

The letter was written by Mrs. Sobell after she had learned that Alexander Pavlovich, who was convicted for beating Robert Thompson on the head with a lead pipe in the Federal House of Detention in New York, had recently been moved to Alcatraz.

Mrs. Sobell emphasized that Alcatraz is supposed to be used only for men accused of being trouble-makers in other prisons. She said that her husband "who does not belong in any prison" has never been accused of "committing a violent act, in prison or out," and that his imprisonment in Alcatraz cannot be justified.

(NOTE TO EDITORS: TEXT OF THE LETTER IS ATTACHED)

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December 26, 1950.

Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Pres. Eisenhower,

I have never previously written to you about my husband, Morton Sobell, although I have often wanted to. My husband was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage in the same trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Although the sentencing judge, Irving Kaufman, made clear that there was no charge of atomic espionage against him, my husband was sentenced to 30 years in prison and sent to Alcatraz.

I write to you at this time because I have just learned that my husband's life is in immediate danger. A man named Pavlovich, a violent criminal who recently attacked and nearly killed an imprisoned Communist, Robert Thompson, has been transferred to Alcatraz. This man's presence, the recent prison murder of William Remington and the character of Alcatraz cause me to ask for the immediate transfer of my husband to a regular Federal prison. In the Prison Bureau's pamphlet, "Alcatraz Island", it is stated; "Five prisoners have been killed in altercations between inmates since the institution was established."

I have written to Mr. Pennett, the Director of Federal Prisons asking for my husband's transfer. I have asked many others to add their stronger voices to mine. I know my husband has committed no crime. I know that he does not belong in any prison. To have sent him to Alcatraz when he has never been accused of committing a violent act, in prison or out and when he has no previous prison record cannot be justified. The Bureau of Prisons describes Alcatraz as established for prison trouble-makers. I ask your help so that we will not have to live each hour with impending tragedy hanging over our heads.

Throughout the world as in our country people have questioned the justice of my husband's conviction and sentencing. Our country must preserve its reputation for goodness and humanity in the eyes of the world. I teach my children that their father has been taken from them through a mistake which must be corrected soon. My husband has already spent five of the best years of his life in prison. We have just been granted the unprecedented privilege of bringing the children to see their young father at Alcatraz. We would like to see him each month without having to travel the 3000 miles across the country. We would like to see him in a room, not through a pane of glass, and speak to him directly, not through telephones. We have suffered much, we may have to suffer more. Please give us the minimum protection and the minimum of living which would result from my husband's transfer out of Alcatraz.

Because my husband's life is in immediate danger on Alcatraz and because I feel that you would like to know the feelings of others on this matter, I am releasing this letter to the press.

I respectfully urge your immediate action.

Most sincerely,  
Helen L. Sobell  
(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO : SAC, NY  
FROM : SA E.K. DEANE

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL Committee To Secure Justice  
IN ROSENBERG CASE (100-10711)  
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OF LANE AS ADVISOR." <sup>SEE</sup> attached

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Ed. Conlin

P R E S S   R E L E A S E

Hold for Release Monday, Nov. 22

HARRIMAN ASKED TO RECONSIDER

APPOINTMENT OF LANE AS ADVISOR

Document Linking Lane With Secret Deal

In Rosenberg-Sobell Case Sent to Governor Elect

NEW YORK, Nov. 22--Governor Elect Averell Harriman has been asked to reconsider his appointment of former U.S. Attorney Pyles Lane as a legislative and administrative advisor on ground that there is a document linking Lane to a secret deal in the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

A reproduction of the document was mailed to Mr. Harriman on Friday by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which said in an accompanying letter:

"We feel it our duty to bring to your attention facts concerning the appointment of former U.S. Attorney Pyles Lane as one of our legislative and administrative advisors. We are submitting for your study a reproduction of a document which reveals conclusively that Pyles Lane, using the power of his position as prosecuting attorney, entered into a secret bargain to obtain the prosecution testimony in the case of Morton Sobell and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

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The document referred to is a reproduction of a memorandum from the file of the O. John Rogge law firm, which defended David and Ruth Greenglass and Max Elitcher, chief prosecution witnesses in the trial. It was first published in France and was subsequently admitted to be authentic by the Rogge firm.

The committee pointed out to Mr. Harriman that the memorandum reveals that Lane had entered into a secret agreement not to indict

David Greenglass, from whom he was soliciting testimony. But when the late Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, charged that a deal was in the making, Lane hastily called a conference with the Rogge attorneys and said a new arrangement would have to be worked out.

That memorandum, initialed by RHG (presumably Robert H. Goldman, an attorney in the Rogge firm) on Aug. 23, 1950, reads in part as follows:

"Lane, the Assistant U.S. Attorney, called me at 1:00 o'clock and told me that something important had come up with respect to New Mexico and would I and/or Fabricant see him this afternoon. I told him that I could and EJJ (Fabricant) would come with me.

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The Sobell committee cited portions in the memorandum which charged implicated Lane in seeking pre-trial newspaper publicity aimed at prejudicing the case against Sobell and the Rosenbergs. The committee also quoted from the memorandum to show that Lane had been attempting to bargain with Sobell.

NEW TRAIL

Morton Sobell is now starting his fifth year in prison--his third in Alcatraz, where he is forbidden visits by his children. Efforts are being made to transfer him from Alcatraz and to obtain a

C O P Y

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

November 19, 1954.

Hon. Averell Harriman  
Democratic National Committee  
Biltmore Hotel  
43rd Street and Madison Avenue  
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The same memorandum also reveals that Lane and the attorneys for Greenglass collaborated in seeking pre-trial newspaper publicity in order to engender an atmosphere prejudicial to Morton Sobell and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who maintained their innocence. The memorandum, apparently referring to Oliver Pilot of the New York Post, said:

"Also, I had lunch with Ruth, Pilot, and HJF. We looked at Pilot's articles. They look OK, but HJF as a precaution told Lane previously he would insist Pilot who already had two conferences with Saypol, showed the draft of the articles to Saypol or Lane."

The memorandum also indicates that Lane was apparently attempting to bargain with Morton Sobell for testimony. It stated as follows:

"There was some discussion between HJF and Lane on the question of Sobell but Lane did not know what Sobell planned to do."

We are aware that in the State Crime Commission hearings Lane was accused of having underworld connections. We do not have any available material concerning any of these charges. However, we feel a responsibility to send you those facts which have come to our attention in our efforts to obtain justice for Morton Sobell.

Respectfully yours,

s/ Ted Jacobs  
Ted Jacobs  
FOR THE COMMITTEE.

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 1-6-55

FROM : SA EVERETT K. DEANE

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE (100-107111) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

( ) CSNY 425, of known reliability, was available to the New York Office, information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from Room 801, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which is operated by the Fraternal Mimeo Addressing Service. This room is part of the Mimeograph work for many of the former IWO groups.

∞ CSNY 426, of known reliability, was available to the New York Office, information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 East 12th Street, New York City. This information is furnished by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. (Workers and Daily Worker); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Freiheit"); Workers' Bookshop, F & D Printing Company, 12th St. and 4th Ave., Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National, State and NY Council offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Date information received 12-31-54

Identity of employee who can identify source of information: SA EK Deane & SA M Miller

The following disposition is being made of this information:  Placed in NY file # \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Forwarded to you for your information and to be used as appropriate.

Description of Exhibit: see attached for a copy of a letter written by MORRIS SOBELL & his mother, PAUL SOBELL, dated 12-19-54.

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From a letter written by Morton Sobell to

Dec. 19, 1954.

Dearest Mother,

Was sorry to hear that you were ill after your trip. I've been having a "near" cold for the past few days, but I think I have it licked.

It's been fairly cool out here, and rainy. Today I put on every bit of clothing I possess, including my raincoat, despite the fact that the sun was shining brightly. Come to think of it, I didn't wear my bathrobe.

It must be painful for you to write about papa's illness, but if you could tell me what things he can still do it would be helpful. I am concerned about him.

It was good to learn that I will be permitted to see the children, finally. And yet it makes me sad- to think of peering through a small bullet-proof window at them. Mark will be pressed by the bars, and will want to know why I cannot hold him, or kiss him. The last time I saw him he was yet too small to think of asking why. Syd at least can understand.

Christmas Eve we will each get a bag of candy, a half dozen nickel bars and some hard candy, the Xmas kind, you know, striped and in pretty colors, beautiful to look at. Some music will be played, appropriate for the holiday. Of all the nights in the year Xmas Eve is the most difficult, even to the most hardened.

I find the U.S. News the most satisfying of all my limited news sources. It makes no attempt to subterfuge. Of course it sometimes turns one's stomach to read it, viz. on desegregation. With my magazine on Electronics I manage not to fall too far behind the times in my field. However reading without creating is not too satisfactory, and unfortunately I never could create too much on paper. I always needed a lab.

I wonder, do you plan to travel by plane or by train when you come to visit me? To say that nothing changes here is an exaggeration, it stands in more still than not changing, if you can visualize that. I recently moved into a "new" cell, newly painted and a little closer to the windows, so that it is lighter in the daytime- progress!

Goodnight Mother, and I can't urge you too much not to worry. Whatever happens we'll live through it, and emerge. Give all our friends my regards. All my love.

Morty.

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PRESS RELEASE

Hold for Release Friday, Dec. 31

PERMISSION GIVEN FOR SOBELL CHILDREN

TO VISIT FATHER IN ALCATRAZ FOR FIRST TIME

Past Rules Barred Children Under 16

From Seeing Alcatraz Prisoners

NEW YORK, Dec. 31--The children of imprisoned scientist Morton Sobell will soon visit their father in Alcatraz for the first time, according to Mr. Sobell's wife, Helen Sobell.

Mrs. Sobell said today she had been told by Alcatraz warden Edwin B. Swope that she could take Mark, her five year old son, and Sydney, her 15-year-old daughter, to see their father, whom they haven't been allowed to visit since he was sent to Alcatraz more than two years ago. Mrs. Sobell said arrangements for the visit were being made.

Alcatraz regulations in the past prohibited children under 16 from visiting the nation's maximum security prison.

Sobell, sentenced to 30 years in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage," has maintained complete innocence and is seeking a new trial. Meanwhile, efforts are being made to remove him from Alcatraz to a regular federal prison on ground that Alcatraz is supposed to be used only for persons accused of being troublemakers in other prisons.

Mrs. Sobell said that many clergymen, attorneys, labor leaders and community leaders had written to James V. Bennett, Federal Director of Prisons, requesting her husband's transfer. She said that most of the letters criticized the fact that her husband was being prevented from seeing his children.

Mrs. Sobell said she was attempting to arrange for the children to visit with their father in a room. She explained that under Alcatraz rules visitors can only see prisoners through a bullet-proof pane of glass and speak through telephones. She said that even if the authorities would not allow her to be in the same room with her husband, she hoped that the children could do so, either by themselves or perhaps with a clergyman. 1686

Last weekend Mrs. Sobell wrote a letter to President Eisenhower asking him to transfer Morton Sobell after she learned that the man who assaulted and nearly killed Communist leader Robert Thompson had been sent to Alcatraz. She said that the presence of Alexander Pavlovich, the convicted assailant, put her husband's life in immediate danger. An official booklet on Alcatraz published by the Bureau of Prisons states that five prisoners have been killed in altercations among inmates since Alcatraz was established.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Re New Haven let, 1/4/55, captioned, "JOHN OGULEWICK,  
aka; SM-C."

For the information of the New Haven office, the in-  
formation set forth in NY let of 11/23/53, entitled,  
"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE"  
was obtained from [REDACTED] Tiers. b7D  
Square Branch, Chase National Bank, 41st St., and Seventh  
Ave., NYC.

[REDACTED] information was received on 10/1/53 by b7D  
SA EDWARD J. CAHILL. It should be noted that [REDACTED]  
information was obtained through [REDACTED]  
the National Committee; and that since OGULEWICK'S CHECK  
has been returned to the bank on which it was drawn. B 7E

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, New York (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN  
THE ROSENBERG CASE, was;  
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On January 5, 1955, Source of Information [REDACTED] made available to SA ROBERT O. MURPHY a copy of a LP phonograph record (33-1/3 rpm) [REDACTED]. The record had been made by Empire Record Corporation, [REDACTED] for captioned organization, located at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, phone LO 4-9585. Arrangements had been made for the Committee by TED JACOBS and the order shipped on March 12, 1954. b7D

A playing of the record determined that it is a dramatic presentation entitled "The Rock" and purports to be "The truth about Morton Sobell." The story commences with SOBELL's "arrest" in Mexico and continues with dramatic episodes of his questioning by authorities. Also included are alleged excerpts of letters from SOBELL to his wife HELEN and parts of testimony given at his trial. A piano supplies background music.

The record ends with an exhortation to SOBELL to remain steadfast in his present situation and finally he is given the promise, "...and you shall walk free again." The record contains numerous references of a derogatory nature to the Attorney General's office and, in effect, to the government of the United States.

None of the actors in the record were identified.

A copy of the above-mentioned record is enclosed for the Bureau's information. A recording is being maintained in NYO files.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1-18-55

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11720)  
FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
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Following is context of three-page transmittal  
report [redacted] personally received from [redacted]  
of known [redacted] identity, by the writer on 12-21-54.

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"December 20, 1954

"Meeting of the Rosenberg-Sobell  
Committee

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TIME: 8 P.M.

DATE: December 18, 1954

PLACE: 3715 LaSalle (home of Haven & Clara Mae Perkins)

SPEAKER: Don Rothenberg - age 30 - height 6 ft. average weight black hair - olive complexion - dark eyes, attractive smile, pleasing personality - soft spoken in speaking he can become quite vicious.

[REDACTED]

Clara Mae Perkins [REDACTED] was giving a report on what had been done while Don Rothenberg was in St. Louis. Her report was short and consisted mainly of persons visited - names not mentioned. Olive Heffner had gone with Clara Mae and Don. She was asked to give a report. It also was short. She stated that most people were friendly but had not heard of Sobell but knew all about the Rosenbergs.

Don Rothenberg took the floor. He repeated the often told story of Marty Sobell being arrested in Mexico and accused of being a fugitive and was mistreated and turned over to the FBI at the Mexican border and heard for the first time that he was a spy. Then the frame-up with the Rosenbergs - the conviction and incarceration in Alcatraz - at this point Clara Mae Perkins passed little pieces of candy to bring out the point that this was the extent of Marty Sobell's Christmas in prison. Mr. Rothenberg continues. He told of being in front of the White House, Washington, D. C. the night the Rosenbergs were executed and how 500 of his fellow men paraded thru the streets with the

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"police marching with them. He also stated that about 1000 people booed when some sadist in the White House flickered a light to give the signal that the Rosenbergs had been electricuted.

"He stressed that Shine-Cohn and McCarthy are a link to this chain of frame-ups. At his point he gave a tirade against the persecution of the Jewish people in this country. Some vague newspaper man told Mr. Rothenberg that he had a copy of a telephone conversation that McCarthy had with someone in which he called the Jews some names. He accused the Jewish element of the country of selling out in the Rosenberg case and he added that this is a good point to use in obtaining help in the Sobell Case. He stated how he tells the Jewish Rabbis that the same can happen to him and them. He called some Rabbi here and went to see him. He wasn't too interested. Rabbi Isserman promised to look into the matter. A Jewish business man refused to talk until he had his lawyers present - three of them came in and were quite antagonistic until Mr. Rothenberg calmed them down. They, too, promised to look into the matter of Sobell. In speaking of the persecution that he claims his people are subject to in this country, Mr. Rothenberg lost his smile and became quite vindictive. He connected this situation with that of the Negroes of this country.

"Mr. Rothenberg ridiculed the idea that the Rosenbergs gave Russia anything about the A-bomb that the Russians could not have found out themselves. He also came up with the same old line that Greenglass was not educated enough to look over a scientist's shoulder and come up with the formula of the A-bomb.

"Mr. Don Rothenberg gave us a bird's eye view of his travels thru the South. In Houston Texas a Catholic lawyer by the name of Golden offered to take the Sobell case. He touched on the Pope's message on the Rosenbergs - He told of success in Dallas, Texas, and other parts South. As far as I could judge he worked the Southern Baptists, colored, by using the race issue. In several places Helen Sobell is to follow him and talk in churches. He asked that St. Louis get in touch with the ministers here and arrange such a meeting for her. According to Mr. Rothenberg the country is aroused to the danger of McCarthyism and Fascism as shown in the Rosenberg-Sobell cases. A collection was taken up and \$25 received. He announced that this brought the total up to \$110 in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED] We were all handed pencils, paper, envelopes, and stamps to write then and there to James Bennett Supt. of Prisons, Justice Dept. Washington D. C. We were to ask him to transfer Marty Sobell from Alcatraz. Everyone wrote and Haven Perkins took up the letters. Coffee and Christmas cookies were served after the speech. Everyone was very very friendly and genial. b7d

The following is the context of a two-page typewritten report [REDACTED] personally received from [REDACTED] of known reliability, by the writer on [REDACTED]

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Following is context of announcement of instant meeting [REDACTED] personally by writer on 12-16-54, filed herein as 1A/12. It being noted that an identical copy was received [REDACTED] personally by writer on 12-20-54, filed herein as 1A/13.

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**"RECEPTION  
FOR**

**DON ROTHENBERG**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 8:00 P.M.**

**3715 LaSalle Street  
(one block south of Chouteau and  
one block west of Grand.)**

Mr. Rothenberg handled the contacts with Congressmen in the last days before the execution of the Rosenbergs. He is returning from a tour of the South and West in the campaign to get Morton Sobell transferred from Alcatraz.

This will be the fifth Christmas that Morton Sobell has spent in jail, the third in Alcatraz.

He was convicted on the testimony of Max Elitcher who admitted on the witness stand that he was scared to death because he had committed perjury, and could be sent to jail for five years. There was no other evidence. One of the chief prosecutors was Roy Cohn.

This kind of prosecution must be stopped, for it is a threat to the freedom of everyone. McCarthy has been "condemned" but his methods continue. In the Louisville case, the witnesses admit that they have never even met the Bradens!

**HELP MAKE THIS THE LAST CHRISTMAS THAT MORTON SOBELL MUST SPEND AWAY FROM HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.**

**ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, Box 3232, Chouteau Station, St. Louis, Mo.**

**ADMISSION FREE"**

**1. Printed leaflet entitled "The Scientist in Alcatraz - Questions and Answers on the Case of Morton Sobell" issued by NCSJMSRC, New York City.**

**2. Printed leaflet entitled "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell" issued by NCSJMS, New York City.**

The name of DON ROTHENBERG, Cleveland, Ohio, has been indexed.

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SA CHARLIE E. GUNTER, JR.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM  
[REDACTED] RE BALTIMORE  
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

The documentation for the information furnished by informant is as follows:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE FURNISHED	AGENT	LOCATION
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[REDACTED]	Literature on case of MORTON SOBELL	[REDACTED]	CHARLIE E. GUNTER, JR.	[REDACTED]
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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

On the above mentioned date [REDACTED] furnished an envelope with a return address of P. O. Box 743, Walbrook Station, Baltimore, 16, Maryland. Enclosed in this envelope was a "News Letter" on the case of MORTON SOBELL. This was issued by the Baltimore Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL of the same address. The "News Letter" set forth information concerning SOBELL's incarceration in Alcatraz and a dinner in honor of Dr. HAROLD C. URY being held in Chicago on February 12, 1955.

The letter further urged that funds for MORTON SOBELL be mailed to the Baltimore Committee and also urged the recipient to write to the Director of Prisons in Washington, D. C., to make SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz an accomplished fact. The letter also enclosed a reprint of an article from the Globe and Mail, Toronto, Canada, dated January 3, 1955. The article was headed "Another Dreyfus Case?" by J. V. MC ARTHUR. This piece of literature was issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

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cc: 100-15241, Nat'l Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, New York (REGIS. MAIL)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

February 3, 1954

SA JOHN JOYCE MC GUIRE

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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On November 5, 1954, [REDACTED] of known reliability, made available to the Chicago office the following items:

Item 1

Mimeographed memorandum dated 5/14/54 from Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case to the Rosenberg-Sobell Committees on the subject of the Rosenberg Memorial Period. This memorandum urges memorial meetings, newspaper ads and petitions for the release of MORTON SOBELL. Enclosed in this letter is a copy of a Memorial piece and letter which "should aid in your own fund raising activity."

Item 2

Memorial piece containing poem "If We Die" by ETHEL ROSENBERG and a photograph of a monument in memory of the Rosenbergs which is in Paris.

Item 3

Printed undated letter entitled "Remember The Rosenbergs...Justice For Morton Sobell" asking for contributions to issue films, books, and a drive to win SOBELL'S release from prison. Letter identifies JOSEPH BRAININ and DANIEL G. MARSHALL as Co-Chairmen of the CSJF.

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- 1 - National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case

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R. M. [Signature]

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RE: CGSJRC

Item 4

Mimeographed undated letter from EMILY ALMAN, Executive Secretary, CSJMSRC urging petitions be directed to Director of Prisons, Washington, D.C. to attain NOBLE release from Alcatraz.

It is to be noted Items 1 through 4 are maintained in 100-25530-1B2(182).

Item 5

Mimeographed letter dated 8/26/54 from NCSJMSRC bearing signature of TED JACOBS re enclosed pamphlet "The Scientist in Alcatraz." Letter gives price list of pamphlet if ordered in quantity.

Item 6

Pamphlet "The Scientist In Alcatraz" - "Questions and Answers On The Case of Morton Sobell," printed by NCSJMSRC.

It is to be noted Items 5 and 6 are maintained in 100-25530-1B2(183).

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MARTIN SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
DR. G. DAY L. E. T. [REDACTED] FURNISHED ON 2/7/55 A NEWS LETTER ON THE SOBELL CASE ISSUED BY THE PH CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. NEWS LETTER STATES THAT NATL ORGANIZATION HAS STARTED FUND DRIVE WITH GOAL OF \$15,000 TO PAY FOR LEGAL DEFENSE FOR SOBELL AND TO PAY FOR TRIPS FOR MRS. SOBELL AND CHILDREN TO VISIT MARTIN SOBELL AT ALCAZAR. NEWS LETTER STATES THAT PH CHAPTER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED GOALS OF \$1,000. IT ALSO ANNOUNCES THAT ON 2/22/55 IN CO A TESTIMONIAL DINNER WILL BE HELD FOR HAROLD G. URSEY, DESCRIBED IN THE NEWS LETTER AS A DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST. NEWS LETTER STATES THAT DR. FREDY JULIAN, CAROL MC WILLIAMS, STEPHEN LOVE AND OTHERS WILL JOIN IN A TRIBUTE TO URSEY. NEWS LETTER ANNOUNCES THAT A NATL CONFERENCE OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WILL BE HELD ON 2/13/55 IN CO, ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM NY, NC, CV, LA, OF MD, IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE RAISED, FROM PH. ABOVE FOR INFO.

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SA Paul J. Breslin

National Committee to Abolish the  
Rosenberg Case.  
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Jan 11/1965

[Redacted] advised the  
writer [Redacted]

[Redacted] that the Rosenberg  
Sobell Committee is canvassing  
libraries in the N.Y.C. area asking  
if the library has a book on either  
a Julius Rosenberg (author unknown), and  
to have the libraries order the book. The  
source advised [Redacted]

that if the libraries will not buy  
the book the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee  
will donate copies of the book to the  
libraries.

The source advised that

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one half the sale price of a  
book entitled "Judgement of Julius and  
Ethel Roseberg" by James W. G. ... is  
to be donated to the Soviet Commission

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(2-9-54)

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. LOUIS

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-9-55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-28, 31; 2-2, 3-55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDMUND C. WELTON</b>
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TITLE <b>"CHANGED" NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka St. Louis Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, St. Louis Committee to</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

In May, 1954, the St. Louis Rosenberg-Sobell Committee changed its name to the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Activities of this committee are confined to metropolitan St. Louis and are concerned mainly in distribution of literature, circulation of petitions, and the sponsorship of several out-of-town speakers. Present aims are to secure a new trial for **MORTON SOBELL** and to effect his transfer from Alcatraz to another Federal Penitentiary. Local committee continues to be controlled by the CP and its members.

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**DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

The title of this case is being marked changed to include the name St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case as being applicable to captioned organization.

For the purpose of brevity, the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case will hereinafter be referred to as the St. Louis CSJMSRC.

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All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. Origin

According to St. Louis Informants [redacted] and [redacted] the St. Louis Rosenberg-Sobell Committee in approximately May, 1954, changed its name to the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case. According to these informants, all publications since May of 1954, bear the latter title.

B. Scope

According to [redacted] and [redacted] the activities of the St. Louis CSJMSRC have been confined to the metropolitan St. Louis area. The organization has no official headquarters, but has during 1954 and 1955 utilized the home of HAVEN and CLARA MAE BERKINS, 3715 Lasalle Street, St. Louis, as one of its principal meeting places. The organization uses as a return address on literature and correspondence Post Office Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

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O. General Activities

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St. Louis Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have advised that the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee was organized on September 17, 1952, to raise bail and defense funds and to solicit support for the five St. Louis Smith Act subjects. These same informants advised on May 26, 1954, that this organization continues to operate as described above. b7D

As of November 27, 1954, the informants stated that this organization is still under the control and domination of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

The Communist Party - USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] asked everyone to write a letter to the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, asking that SOBELL be transferred from Alcatraz to another prison in order that his family might visit him.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] MORTON SOBELL was unable to have his family visit him in Alcatraz. Sobell's family in Alcatraz were allowed him; however, the prison warden forbade them to visit him.

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Informant St. Louis [REDACTED] advised that HAVEN PERKINS, his wife, CLARA MAE, and SOL DENMAN had circulated petitions on a door to door basis for the purpose of endeavoring to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz, said petitions to be forwarded to the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C.

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to start, encourage, and arouse [REDACTED] Louis committee for MORTON SOBELL. (2) contact [REDACTED] and women [REDACTED] lawyers, professors, ministers, in order interest them in the SOBELL case.

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II. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] advised that CLARA MAE PERKINS was appointed chairman and OLIVE HERRICK appointed co-chairman.

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III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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to Washington, D. C. for the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz and that they further protest the fact that his [REDACTED] are not permitted [REDACTED] while he is incarcerated.



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the main aim at the present time is to obtain the transfer of SOBELL from Alcatraz to another Federal penitentiary.

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A resolution was passed by the group to send a telegram to the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C., demanding that MORTON SOBELL be transferred from Alcatraz.

B. Statements in Literature

On May 12, 1954, St. Louis [REDACTED] furnished a leaflet issued by the St. Louis CSJMSRC entitled "Celebrate Morton Sobell's Birthday, Saturday, May 8, 1954." Briefly, the leaflet stated that the latest major development in the SOBELL case is the admission by the Attorney General's Office that its main witnesses, the GREENGLASSES, lied. The leaflet urged everyone to write to the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C., requesting the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz. b7D

On June 25, 1954, St. Louis [REDACTED] made available a letter dated June 16, 1954, issued by the the St. Louis CSJMSRC stating in part that the Army-McCarthy Hearings have opened new opportunities for aggressive campaigns to vindicate the ROSENBERG and to free MORTON SOBELL. The letter further urged a campaign b7D

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to secure SOBELL's removal from Alcatraz until a new trial is granted. The letter stated further that a campaign should be conducted to educate the American people to the issues and requests that money be contributed for this purpose.

On June 30, 1954, St. Louis [redacted] made available a leaflet entitled "Army-McCarthy Hearings Expose Rosenberg Fram-up" issued by St. Louis CSJMSRC. The leaflet stated that the American people are now seeing how Senator McCARTHY and ROY COHEN had used a "doctored" photograph and a phony FBI report and that these same individuals used identical methods to send a young father and mother, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG to the electric chair; that the same ROY COHEN was the Attorney General's representative on the prosecutive staff that brought about the conviction of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL. The leaflet related that the ROSENBERGS were put to death but MORTON SOBELL can still be freed and returned to his wife and children. The leaflet urged that everyone write to the Attorney General's Office, Washington, D. C., asking for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, a trial that will help vindicate the ROSENBERGS and preserve American justice. b7D

On June 9, 1954, St. Louis [redacted] furnished an un-dated letter issued by the St. Louis CSJMSRC requesting funds in a campaign to bring about the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from b7D

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On October 7, 1954, St. Louis [redacted] made available a mimeographed petition directed to JAMES BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Washington, D. C. by the St. Louis CSJMSRC. The petition stated, "We the undersigned urge you to transfer MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz so that he may receive visits from his children. b7D

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Alcatraz is for hardened criminals who have disrupted other persons. MORTON SOBELL does not belong there; he should be allowed to see his children."

On December 22, 1954, St. Louis [redacted] furnished a notice of a reception to be held for DON ROTHENBERG on December 18, 1954, under the sponsorship of the St. Louis CSJMSRC. The notice stated that ROTHENBERG was returning from a tour of the South and West in the campaign to get MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz. b7D

#### IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

##### A. Connections of Leaders with the Communist Party

Informants St. Louis [redacted] and [redacted] have advised that the more prominent and active members of the St. Louis CSJMSRC are:

##### HAVEN PERKINS

According to St. Louis [redacted] HAVEN PERKINS is known to be a Communist Party member in St. Louis, Missouri, and to have been continuously active in CP affairs in the St. Louis area since 1945.

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##### CLARA MAE PERKINS

Informant St. Louis [redacted] has advised that CLARA MAE PERKINS was known to the informant to be a CP member during informant's CP activities which extended from 1937 to 1949, and that during 1946 subject instructed CP educational classes. b7D

According to St. Louis [redacted] and [redacted], CLARA MAE PERKINS' activities during 1954 and 1955 have been concentrated in CP front groups. b7D

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SOL DERMAN

According to St. Louis [redacted] SOL DERMAN was an active member of the CP in St. Louis from 1947 to 1949.

Informant St. Louis [redacted] has advised that DERMAN was an active member of the CP during the period 1948 through 1952.

Recent activities of DERMAN, according to St. Louis [redacted] and [redacted] have been concentrated in CP front groups.

OLIVE HEFFNER

Informant St. Louis [redacted] advised OLIVE HEFFNER was an active member of the CP in St. Louis from 1945 to 1950.

Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have advised that recent activities of HEFFNER have been concentrated in CP front groups.

On December 31, 1954, St. Louis [redacted] stated that CP members and sympathizers continue to control and support the St. Louis CSJMSRC.

B. Implementation of Communist Party Line

The Rosenberg Case

(CSJMSRC Line)

"The Rosenberg case is not closed. The fight to vindicate their lives continues in the struggle to free Morton Sobell. His freedom will mark a great step in halting fascism, and can be won at this stage in the mounting anti-McCarthy struggle. There should be no rest for all who remember Julie and Ethel with pride."

"The Rosenbergs were put to death but MORTON SOBELL can still be freed and returned to his wife and two children. Help protect your own rights by writing to the Attorney General asking for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, a trial that will help vindicate the Rosenbergs and preserve American justice."

Fred E. Daniels, "The Rosenbergs A Year After," Masses & Mainstream, Vol. 7, No. 6, June, 1954, p. 41.

Source: Leaflet entitled "Army-McCarthy Hearings Expose Rosenberg Frame-up" issued by

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St. Louis CSJ  
(Furnished by [redacted]  
on [redacted]).

"The Past Year has also seen attempts to use the Rosenberg-Sobell case in attacks on others. Senator McCarthy launched his Fort Monmouth investigations with a claim that he would uncover a spy ring traced to the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell. Army Secretary Stevens refuted this claim when he said at the Senate hearings that 'there is not evidence now and I found none then for espionage at Monmouth.'"

Fred E. Daniels, "The Rosenbergs A Year After," Masses & Mainstream, Vol. 7, No. 6, June, 1954, p. 41.

"Thus, one year after the execution of the Rosenbergs, the Rosenberg-Sobell case is very much alive. The campaign to secure justice for Morton Sobell and the drive to remove him from Alcatraz, developments growing out of the case and the determination of thousands of persons to get at the entire truth give significance to the first anniversary of the execution."

Daily Worker, May 14, 1954, p. 4.

"The Army-McCarthy Hearings and other events which have taken place since the Rosenberg-Sobell trial in 1951 have shown that people like McCarthy and Roy Cohn are a menace to the Jeweler freedom. Sobell was convicted by the same methods which McCarthy and Roy Cohn used against the Army. Yet he is subject to cruel and unusual punishment in being confined to Alcatraz. Alcatraz is for hardened criminals and he cannot see his children there. Write the Director of Prisons, Washington, D. C. to move Sobell from Alcatraz."

Source: Leaflet entitled "McCarthy Victim Should Be Moved From Alcatraz" issued by St. Louis CSJ (Furnished by [redacted]).

"We urge you to write Mr. JAMES V. BLUMETT, Director of Prisons, Department of Justice, Washington D.C. to transfer Morton Sobell from Alcatraz where he cannot see his children to an ordinary prison while his lawyers prepare an appeal of his conviction. Funds are needed to pay for legal expenses and for publicity to bring the facts of the case to the American People."

Source: Letter dated 11-9-54 to "Dear Friend"

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Re: ~~Committee~~ TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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The following article appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of February 8, 1955, on page 5, columns 2-5:

A Chat With Dr. Urey About Morton Sobell

(A letter from Chicago to the "Morning Freiheit" from MOSES BACKALL)

When I learned that the ~~Markus~~ "MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE", of Chicago, was arranging a banquet in honor of that great intellectual, Professor Harold S. Urey, on Saturday, February 12th, I became intrigued to meet him for an interview.

I went to Chicago University, to the "Institute For Nuclear Studies", where our meeting was supposed to take place; but I met Dr. Urey on the campus, ~~in the vicinity~~ of the University, accidentally. ~~At~~ <sup>Instead of</sup> my beginning, he asked me whether I read Rabinowitz' article in the magazine "Nation". I answered him and, simultaneously, praised Ed Murrow's interview with Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, on television.

That was really an event in current American life, Dr. Urey noted. He made an appointment to meet in his office in the Institute. I spent

a half hour with him.

At first we spoke about moments in human history. Prof. Urey brought out that way back in the Middle Ages there were dark forces which began wars, spread witch-hunts, maintained slavery; but in all such epochs there arose great personalities - wise men and preachers - who, by their self sacrifice, aroused and inspired the people to fight for justice, truth and freedom.

Professor Urey, who is not a Jew, displayed quite a bit of knowledge about Jewish history and special interest in historic personalities.

As you know, Professor Urey visited the State of Israel, toward which he has displayed great interest. He is also a member of the "American Friends of the Hebrew University". This, partially, explained his interest in Jewish history and in historic freedom-fighters.

When I began speaking about the banquet which is being arranged concerning Morton Sobell, Professor Urey expressed the thought that Sobell was obviously part of the trial against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. He emphasized that there was absolutely no proof against Morton Sobell, that the whole trial was based on the false testimony of Max ~~Klitcher~~ Klitcher.

This Klitcher played the same disgusting role as did David Greenglass in the trial against the Rosenbergs.

Klitcher had committed perjury before, when he testified in Washington and was cited for contempt.

It is Professor Urey's opinion that Klitcher is certainly not a reliable witness and that his testimony should not have been considered. After all, Klitcher was under indictment.

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It is quite understandable that Elitcher was freed of the charge of perjury because he appeared as a witness against Sobell, precisely as in the case of Greenglass - who confessed to espionage and received only 15 years for his "testimony" against the Rosenbergs, whereas Sobell was sentenced to 30 years.

We must remember that it was Roy Cohn who was the prosecutor, and it was Judge Kaufman, who sentenced the Rosenbergs to death, who also sentenced Sobell.

Professor Urey also emphasized that the sentencing of Sobell was a frightfully senseless thing and a judicial scandal, and that incarcerating him at Alcatraz Jail, 3 thousand miles from his family, is an act of inhumanity.

Sobell's case is now in the hands of all Americans, was Professor Urey's thought, and he should be given a new trial. Didn't Justice Jerome Frank, one of the three Judges of the Appeals Court which upheld Sobell's conviction, state that Sobell should get a new trial.

At that time, in his statement as to why he did not agree with his two fellow-Judges, Justice Frank said that it was his conviction that "a mistake was made which justified giving Sobell a new trial".

It is clear that a new trial would make it possible to introduce new proof never presented to the Supreme Court. It is possible that the reason for this is the bacchanalia which was rampant at that time due to the Korean War and the pest poisoned atmosphere which was created in conjunction with the Rosenberg case.

Millions of people in this country and in other countries have great doubts that the Rosenbergs, and, similarly Sobell, received a just trial.

It should be in the interest of the United States itself, that Sobell receive a new trial, a just trial, at which he would have the opportunity to bring out the facts about his innocence, and where they will be considered. Such a trial should lead to Sobell's liberation.

In this thought Professor Urey joins with all clear-thinking, just people throughout the world who demand justice for Morton Sobell.

On February 20, of last year, the "Decalogue Club" consisting of lawyers and judges, in Chicago, held a banquet in honor of Professor Albert Einstein on the occasion of his 75th birthday, at which Professor Urey was the main speaker.

The banquet, which will take place on February 12th is sponsored by the Chicago Morton Sobell Committee (Address: 20 West Jackson Boulevard), in recognition of Professor Harold Urey.

The Committee is collecting signatures on a scroll which will be presented to the guest of honor at the banquet. The scroll states, in part, "By signing this scroll we salute you as a scientist and as a citizen and we wish you many more happy days of health and creative work... You have always been a strong and realistic critic of tyranny and a sober and powerful defender of security, tolerance and humanity..."

This scroll, with thousands of signatures, will be presented to the Nobel Prize winner Harold S. Urey, at the banquet. One of the main speakers for the occasion will be the well-known author Caryl Chessman, one of the editors of the magazine "Nation".

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### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Reliable Informants advised that Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C. (RSCWDC), became active about 9/53; objectives of this group are to vindicate ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, to transfer MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz and for the ultimate vindication and release of SOBELL, to allow ROSENBERG children to remain with relative and to establish fund for ROSENBERG children.



All known officers and majority of individuals active in RSCWDC identified as one-time CP members. Informant [redacted] describes SYLVIA BEHNSTEIN as leading figure of local group and one of main contacts between RSCWDC and national office of subject organization. BEHNSTEIN attended national conference of subject organization, Chicago, 10/10-11/53, and elected member East Coast Regional Board of the National Committee. No official organ for local group; funds are raised through contributions and fund-raising affairs. RSCWDC active since 9/53 in conducting meetings, holding fund-raising affairs and sponsoring speakers; [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

All Informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

Individuals referred to hereinafter having connections with the Communist Party and/or Communist Party front organizations will be identified in the last section of this report; however, to facilitate reading, each time an individual having one-time Communist Party membership is referred to throughout this report, he will be identified by a double asterisk (\*\*) following his name.

Individuals having connections with Communist Party front organizations, other than that of subject organization, will be identified by a single asterisk (\*) following his name.

For the purpose of brevity, the organizations listed below will be identified throughout this report as follows:

Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C. ----RSCWDC.  
Communist Party----CP.  
Progressive Party of the District of Columbia----PPDC.

## I. BACKGROUND

### A. National Organization

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

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Informants advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952. The claim of this committee was that the ROSENBERGS were convicted because they were Jews and because of their political beliefs, according to Informants. The aim of this committee was to secure a new trial or clemency for the ROSENBERGS, according to Informants.

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It is noted that the ROSENBERGS were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

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The Informant advised that a national conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was held in Chicago on October 10 and 11, 1953, and the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed on October 11, 1953.

Informants T-4 and T-5

Informants advised in December, 1953, that subject organization, during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

Informant T-6

Informant advised on May 7, 1954, that the purpose of this committee is to raise money for MORTON SOBELL to obtain a retrial and to have him removed from Alcatraz to some other penitentiary.

E. Washington, D. C., Group

Informant T-7

Informant advised in March, 1952, that a Washington, D. C., chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was at that time operating in the District of Columbia. Informant subsequently identified this group as the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Informant T-8

Informant in September, 1953, advised that the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization, known as the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C., was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the ROSENBERGS and acquiring release of MORTON SOBELL.

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Informant [redacted]

Informant advised on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D. C. group of subject organization was [redacted] the Committee for the Release of MORTON SOBELL.

II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Informant T-9

On December 7, 1953, Informant advised that a committee which calls itself "The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C." had set up headquarters at 930 F Street, N. W. Informant stated that this committee has as its purpose the vindication of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, executed atomic spies, and the vindication and release from prison of MORTON SOBELL, who was convicted of spying along with the ROSENBERGS. Informant stated this committee is sending out letters asking for financial support. Informant advised further that the committee was also active in distributing pamphlets and leaflets immortalizing JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and picturing MORTON SOBELL as a victim of anti-Soviet hysteria.


On April 13, 1954, Informant made available two memoranda published by subject organization, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, which carried the date March 11, 1954, and which, according to Informant, had been distributed by the Washington group of subject organization. These memoranda urged that the recipient write to the Honorable WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Surrogate Court, 31 Chambers Street, New York City, urging him to decide at the hearing to be held on April 5, 1954, in favor of allowing the children of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG be allowed to remain with their grandmother, SOPHIE ROSENBERG.


Informant T-8

On September 9, 1953, Informant advised that on that date SYLVIA BERNSTEIN \* stated that the following advertisement would be given a half-page spread:

"We pledge a continuing fight to vindicate ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and free MORTON SOBELL by making known the facts surrounding their trial and conviction so that the ROSENBERG children and all other Americans can walk free from the danger of conviction by hysteria and perjury. The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C."

In late 1953, Informant advised that the New York headquarters of subject organization had been informed that the RSCWDC was formed for the purpose of continuing the fight to vindicate the ROSENBERGs, to free MORTON SOBELL, and to establish a fund for the ROSENBERG children.

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according to informant, also stated that this committee would also have as one of its objectives the defense of MORTON SOBELL. b7d

  
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[REDACTED] according to informant, stated that there are now 300 standing committee members in the United States and that it is desired that a campaign be waged to force the Government to move SOBELL from Alcatraz. 1370

Informant T-11

[REDACTED] 1370

Informant T-17

On November 17, 1953, Informant made available the following letter distributed by the RSCWDC, which sets forth the aims and objectives of this group:

November 14, 1953

"Dear Friends:

"The attempt of Senator JOSEPH R. McCARTHY on flimsy evidence, which later backfired, to link innocent Americans at Fort Monmouth with espionage, reveals that the leaders of reaction will continue to use ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, though dead, as symbols of American spying.

"So long as the ROSENBERGs remain unvindicated, reactionaries will continue this infamous practice.

"But the wildness of Republican charges against former President HARRY S. TRUMAN and others automatically builds a great wave of resistance. This wave of public opinion ultimately will demand an end of trial by hysteria. It is bound to demand a complete exposure of fake spy charges and high on the list will be the ROSENBERG Case.

"Because MORTON SOBELL, serving an undeserved sentence of thirty years in Alcatraz for



supposed spying activities which were never proved, is the living embodiment of the ROSENBERG Case, his fake is bound to come under consideration.


"Because of this and because we know that truth will vindicate the ROSENBERGS and free SOBELL, we are sending you the enclosed factual information about the SOBELL Case.

"These victories will not come automatically. We need all the help you can give. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the fight. Won't you send in a contribution today?"

"Very truly yours,


"Rosenberg-Sobell Committee  
of Washington, D. C."

III. HEADQUARTERS

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On November 4, 1953, Informant advised that the RSCWDC at that time was utilizing the office of the FPDC, 930 F Street, N. W., for its local headquarters.

On November 17, 1953, 

  
at that time, 930 F Street, N. W., room 519, Washington 4, D. C.


Informant T-9


On December 7, 1953, Informant advised that the RSCWDC at that time had set up headquarters at 930 F Street, N. W.

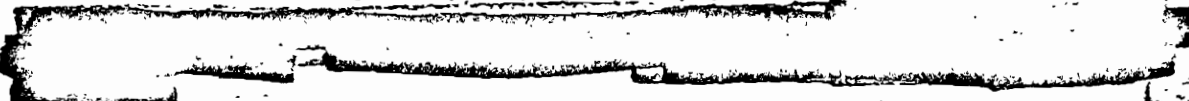
Informant T-28

On November 24, 1954, Informant made available literature issued by the RSCWDC. This literature reveals that the RSCWDC had as its headquarters, room 519, 930 F Street, Washington, D. C.

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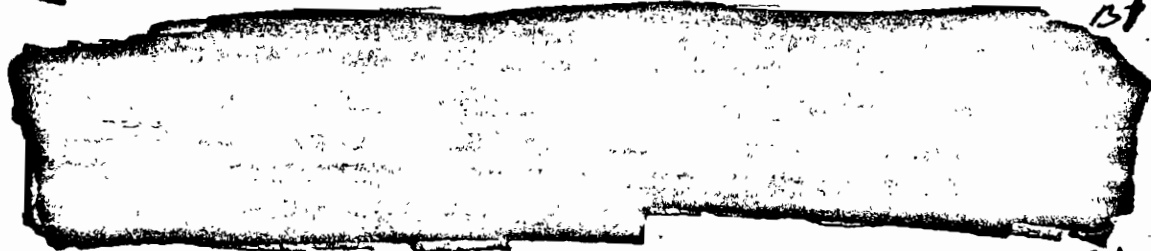
On December 30, 1954, Informant reported that the RSCWEC, to his knowledge, has no permanent headquarters, but that this group in the past has frequently utilized the office of the PDC at 930 F Street, N.W. 

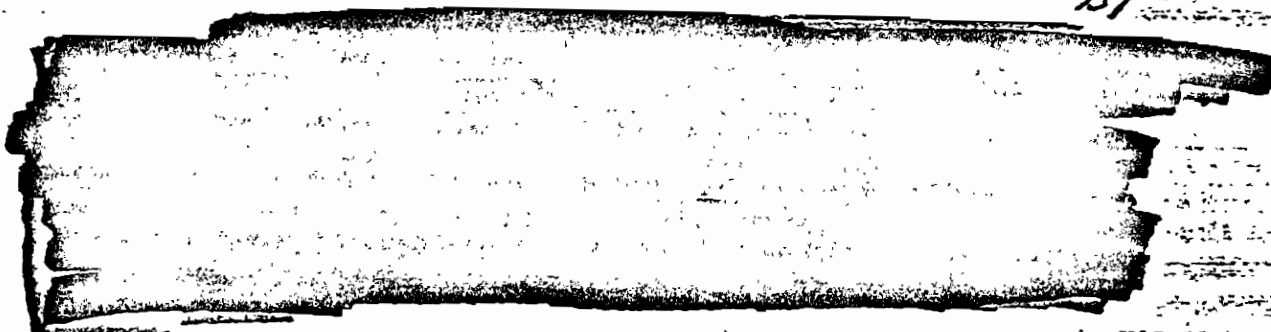


IV. OFFICERS b7d

Informant T-8

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On March 16, 1954, Informant made available information that on that date, SYLVIA BERNSTEIN \*\* stated she was working with the RSCWDC.

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Informant T-27

Informant on October 5, 1954, made available a letter dated July 21, 1954, addressed to Mrs. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN \*\*, 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., from TED JACOBS, of the national committee of subject organization, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York. This letter advised BERNSTEIN that the national office of subject organization would hold an Eastern Seaboard National Committee meeting at committee headquarters at New York City, on September 11, 1954. JACOBS requested that either BERNSTEIN or someone else from the Washington, D. C., group be present, stating "it goes without saying that the presence of Washington is vital." JACOBS further wrote that he hoped to see BERNSTEIN in Washington during the coming weeks to assist her in any manner possible.

Informant on January 12, 1955, made available information revealing that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN \*\*, 4230

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Chesapeake Street, N. W., had received communications from Room 2, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York, which communications were postmarked at New York on October 20, 1954; November 29, 1954; and December 30, 1954.

Informant T-3

In November, 1953, Informant advised that in connection with the national conference of subject organization, held October 10 and 11, 1953, at the Fine Arts Building, Chicago, Illinois, SYLVIA BERNSTEIN ~~was~~ of Washington, D. C., was selected by the organizational committee of this conference to be a member of the East-Coast Regional Board of the National Committee and that BERNSTEIN was later nominated and elected to this position by the conference.

Informant T-49

In October, 1953, Informant advised that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN ~~was~~ registered for the above conference as a delegate, giving her address as 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., occupation: housewife.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

Informant T-48

On June 25, 1953, Informant advised that MEYER KHAUS ~~was~~ at that time an official of the HSCWDC

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V. MEMBERS

[REDACTED]

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Informant T-10

On September 21, 1953, Informant advised that as of that date, HAAR KAGER was a member of the RSCWDC.

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Informant T-8

On November 10, 1953, Informant advised that JOHN STONE \*\* had resigned from the RSCWDC at a meeting held by this committee on November 9, 1953, at 930 P Street, N. W.

Informant T-24

On May 6, 1954, Informant identified ETHEL WEICHBROD \*\* as a Secretary of the RSCWDC.

VI. OFFICIAL ORGAN

Informant T-7

On December 30, 1954, Informant advised that he knew of no official organ for the RSCWDC.

VII. FUNDS

Informant

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[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] Informant made available a copy of the booklet "Sixteen Questions and Answers on the Case of MORTON SOBELL," issued by the national committee of subject organization [REDACTED]. This booklet contains a request for funds from the recipient of the booklet as follows:

"National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
New York 18,  
New York."

"I would like to see a new trial for MORTON SOBELL so all of the facts can be brought to light, and I am in favor of removing him from Alcatraz pending outcome of legal appeals. Enclosed find \$..... to help defray legal expenses and bring the facts in the case to the American people."

On [REDACTED] Informant also made available [REDACTED] card issued by the National Committee of subject organization and distributed by the NSCWDC. This card contains the following information:

"A PLEDGE FOR JUSTICE"

"American justice demands that MORTON SOBELL have a new trial. I want to help. I pledge to give or raise \$30 - \$1 for each of the 30 years MORTON SOBELL has been sentenced to Alcatraz - to help carry out the public and legal campaign in his behalf."

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Informant T-10

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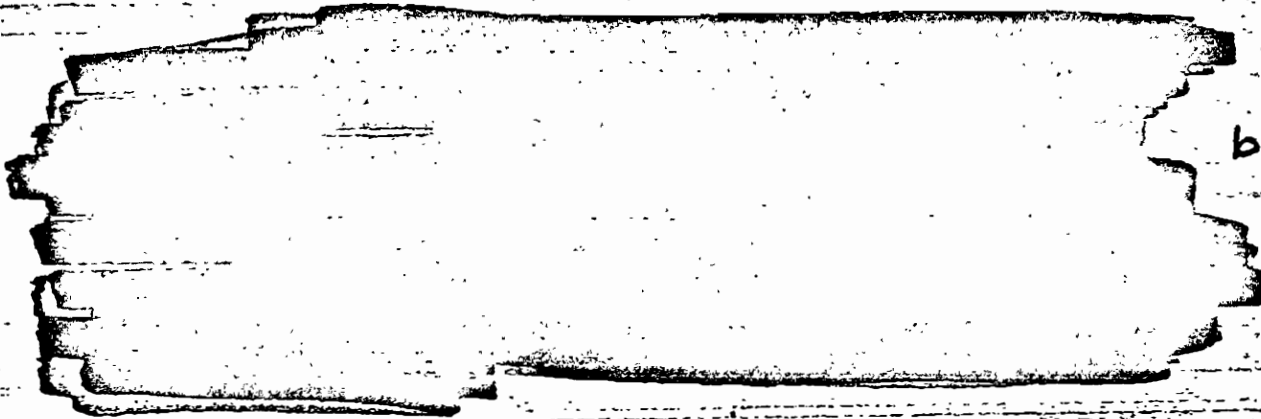
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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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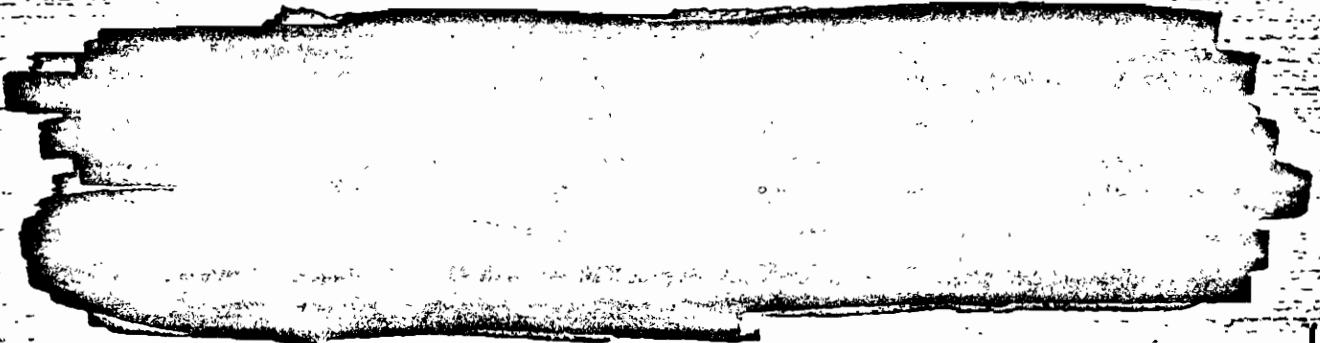
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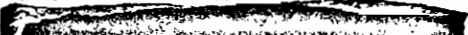


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The informant on April 8, 1954, reported that he had learned that the RSCWDC had sponsored an affair at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, on April 7, 1954. The informant stated that between one hundred and one hundred twenty five persons attended this affair, and that the collection amounted to over \$300.

Informant T-16:



On April 8, 1954, the informant reported that a meeting of the RSCWDC was held on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest. The informant advised that approximately 200 were in attendance at this meeting 

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Informant T-25:

The following information was made available on a confidential basis and should not be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The informant on July 21, 1953, advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case continues to maintain a checking account at the Chase National Bank, Times Square Branch, 41st Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

The informant advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case on the dates indicated below deposited checks at the Chase National Bank which checks are described below:

<u>Date of Deposit</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
10/21/53	\$10	SEYMOUR FRIEDMAN	National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C.
10/20/53	\$25	D. GRACH	City Bank, Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.
11/25/53	\$10	MARGARET M. SHIPMAN*	National Capitol Bank, Washington, D. C.
12/28/53 =	\$10	MARGARET M. SHIPMAN*	National Capitol Bank, Washington, D. C.
12/22/53	\$25	SYDNEY GUREWITZ**	Riggs National Bank, Farmers Mechanics Branch, Washington, D. C.
11/30/53	\$3	FRED S. HOWARD*	Kensington, Maryland Bank
12/24/53	\$15	C. D. GUANY	Suburban Trust Company, Silver Spring, Maryland

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The informant on May 7, 1954, advised that on March 25, 1954, MARGARET H. SHIPMAN\* had contributed a \$10 check to subject organization.

Informant [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Informant T-3:

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On January 25, 1954, the informant advised that FANNY STEELE\*\* died on January 23, 1954, and was buried in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 24, 1954.

[REDACTED]

Informant T-13:

On April 12, 1954, the informant advised that the RSCWDC sponsored a meeting on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, [REDACTED]

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Informant T-29:

The informant on April 9, 1954, advised that the RSCWDC held a meeting on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, which between 75 to 100 persons attended. [REDACTED]

Informant T-21:

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The informant on April 12, 1954, also furnished information regarding the aforementioned meeting held on

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April 7, 1954, by the RSCWDC. The informant described  
this meeting as a fund raising meeting. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] adding that the collection speech was  
made by JOE FOREMAN. B7D

**Informant T-27:**

On September 21, 1954, the informant made available  
a letter dated August 27, 1954, written on stationery of the  
Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG  
case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. According to  
the informant, this letter was directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN  
and was from TED JACOBS of the National headquarters of subject  
organization. This letter reveals that JACOBS reminds BERNSTEIN  
of the Eastern Seaboard meeting to be held on September 11,  
1954, at the National office of the subject organization in New  
York City. This letter further reminded BERNSTEIN that money  
was urgently needed at the National headquarters and a suggestion  
was made that a sizeable portion of money in BERNSTEIN's  
possession be supplied to Committee headquarters on the occasion  
of BERNSTEIN's presence at the above referred to meeting on  
September 11, 1954.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**VIII. GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

**A. MEETINGS**

**Informant T-8:**

On September 11, 1953, the informant advised that  
the RSCWDC was planning arrangements for a meeting to be

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attended by between 250-300 persons to be held at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on October 22, 1954. The informant stated that the meeting was being arranged through the efforts of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN.

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On April 8, 1954, the informant reported that he had learned that the PSCWDC had sponsored an affair at Occident Hotel, 29th and T Streets, Northwest, on April 7, 1954, in which Doctor ROYAL W. SANCHEZ was a guest speaker. The informant stated that between 100-125 attended this affair and the collection amounted to over \$300.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

On [REDACTED], the informant made available  
announcements [REDACTED] by the RSCWDC advising of a  
[REDACTED] a New  
Years Eve party sponsored by this group to be held December  
31, 1953. b7D

The informant on January 4, 1954, stated that a  
New Years Eve party, sponsored by the RSCWDC, was held on  
December 31, 1953, at the home of AL BERNSTEIN\*\* and SYLVIA  
BERNSTEIN\*\*, 4230 Chesapeake Street, Northwest. The informant  
stated that between 70 - 75 persons attended this affair,

[REDACTED] b7D

The informant  
stated that the following individuals were among those in  
attendance at this affair:

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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The informant on April 9, 1954, stated that the  
FSCWDC held a meeting on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall,  
9th and T Streets, Northwest. In which approximately 200  
people attended. [REDACTED] ARE RECON  
[REDACTED] CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING AND [REDACTED] SPEAKER WAS  
ROYAL CRAYTON.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On April 8, 1954, the informant advised that a meeting of the NSCWDC was held at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, on April 7, 1954. The informant advised that ABE BLOOM\* was Chairman of this meeting, and that JOSEPH FORER\* made a short speech in tribute to the memory of EMANUEL BLOCH\*. The informant stated that Doctor FRANCE, described as an elderly man, formerly a professor at Rollins College in Florida, was the principal speaker at this meeting. According to the informant, Doctor FRANCE stated that if the United States is so shaky that a handful of Communists can overthrow it, then it ought to be overthrown. He added that he does not believe that this is the case, and that it will not be the case so long that the rights of the people are preserved from those forces seeking to destroy them. 010

The informant stated that JOE SARK\* from Baltimore, Maryland, gave the collection speech and it was announced later that \$302 had been donated.

The informant stated that at this meeting a skit was presented entitled, "The Rock" whose scene was laid mainly on Alcatraz and which had as its hero, MORTON SOBELL played by JACK EVANS\*.

The informant stated that the following individuals were among those in attendance at the above described affair:

[REDACTED]



Informant T-10

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On January 5, 1954, the informant advised that the two New Years Eve parties sponsored by the RSCWDC were held on December 31, 1953, at the homes of AL BERNSTEIN\*\* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*\* and JOE BELSER\*\* and ELEANOR BELSER\*\*. The informant could supply no information as to who was in attendance at these socials.


On April 8, 1954, the informant reported that a meeting of the RSCWDC was held on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Washington, D. C. The informant stated that a skit was presented at the above described meeting depicting the life of MORTON SOBELL in Alcatraz. The informant stated that approximately 200 persons were in attendance at this meeting and \$302 collected. Present at the above described meeting, according to the informant, were:

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Informant T-17:

On December 8, 1953, the informant made available a copy of a mimeographed advertisement issued by the RSCWDC announcing two New Years Eve parties for December 31, 1953, one to be held at 4230 Chesapeake Street, Northwest, and the other to be held at Trenton Terrace, Southeast, the exact location to be announced at a later date. This advertisement advised that the two aforementioned affairs were being sponsored by the RSCWDC.

Informant T-13:

On January 18, 1954, the informant reported that the RSCWDC sponsored a New Years Eve party on December 31, 1953;

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which was held at 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W. The informant stated that the following individuals were among those in attendance at this affair:

[REDACTED] 1370

Informant T-19:

On April 7, 1954, the informant advised that the RSCWDC sponsored an affair on the evening of that date at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest. The informant stated that about 115 persons attended this affair and that \$102 had been collected. According to the informant, the principal speaker was ROYAL W. FRANCIS, who was introduced by ABE BLOOM, a former college professor. The informant stated that this group presented a one act play depicting the arrest and conviction of MORTON SOBELL.

Informant T-12:

On April 8, 1954, the informant also supplied information regarding the meeting by the RSCWDC on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall. The informant stated that the following individuals were among those in attendance at this meeting:

[REDACTED] 1370

The informant further advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED]

Informant T-29:

On April 9, 1954, the informant advised that the RSCWDC held a meeting on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall,

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9th and T Streets, Northwest, in which Doctor ROYAL FRANGE was the principal speaker. According to the informant, Doctor FRANGE stated that the United States was using the atomic bomb to terrorize the world, and that the United States was much worse off than Communist countries. The informant stated that about \$200 was collected at this meeting, and that between 75-100 persons were in attendance, including:

[REDACTED] b7D

Informant T-26:

On April 8, 1954, the informant made available the following flyer which the informant advised had apparently been distributed by the RSCWDC in March 1954:

"The Rosenberg - Sobell Committee will be meeting regularly every Monday night starting-- Monday, March 15, 8:30 P.M., 930 F Street, N. W., Room 519

to prepare for a mass meeting to be held on April 7.

We are counting on your support. Please attend the Committee meetings so that you can help plan a successful affair".

Informant T-21:

The informant on April 12, 1954, reported substantially the same information regarding the meeting held on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, as previously reported by Informant T-16. However, Informant T-21 was able to supply the names of additional individuals who attended the above described meeting as follows:

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Informant T-13:

On April 12, 1954, also reported on the meeting of the RSCWDC held on April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall. The informant stated that the featured speaker was Doctor ROYAL W. FRANCE, who spoke on civil rights. According to the informant, Doctor FRANCE stated he had become a Progressive because of a desire to defend oppressed people in the United States and a desire to utilize his talents as a lawyer to defend those who were being persecuted by the Government of the United States. Doctor FRANCE insisted that now is the time to fight Fascism in our Government, adding that if Fascism is not fought now, there would be no opportunity to fight it later, according to the informant. The informant stated that several songs were then sung by the group dealing with "Jim Crowism". The informant advised that at this meeting a play was presented entitled, "The Rock" which depicted NORTON SOBELL being railroaded by the FBI and Attorney General's Office. The play depicted SOBELL as a man who, although subjected to all manner of mental torture, did not break down under the strain to lie in the ROSENBERG trial, according to the informant. This play depicted NORTON SOBELL as a martyr to the cause of freedom against the Fascist Imperialistic Governmental factions of the United States Government.

The informant stated that the following persons were among those who attended the above described meeting:



Informant T-9:

On April 13, 1954, the informant made available a flyer of the RSCWDC which announced a meeting to be held on

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April 7, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, Washington, D. C., in which  
Doctor ROYAL FRANCE\* would discuss "The Crisis in Civil Rights"

Informant T-15:

The informant in April 1954 advised that on the  
evening of April 7, 1954, the following individuals entered  
Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest:

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN\*, WILLIAM HAYS\*, BETTY  
HAYS, ARLENE HAYS\*, AL UNDERWOOD\*, IRMA  
ROBINSON\*\*, GERTRUDE EVANS\*\*, HELEN WINIK\*\*,  
IRVING WINIK\*\*, ABE BLOOM\*\*, LOUIS PEARLMAN\*\*,  
REBECCA PEARLMAN\*\*, BEATRICE A. SMITH\*\*,  
JOHN RUDDER\*\*, DORIS RUDDER, MORRIS SOLOMON\*,  
WILLIAM SHONICK\*\*, HELEN SHONICK\*\*, JULIUS  
KAPLAN\*\*, IRA KLAPFET\*\*, MARY IRVING\*\*, GEORGE  
GOLDSTEIN\*, LOIS GOLDSTEIN, SHELDON DRESSLER\*\*,  
JOSEPH BELSER\*\*, ELEANOR BELSER\*\*, CHARLIE  
GIFT\*\*, JOHN B. STONE\*\*, MEYER KRAUS\*, NONNIE  
MAJCHRZYK\*\*, CASEY GUREWITZ\*\*, SELMA REIN\*\*,  
LARRY ZIECHECK\*\*, EDIE MAJCHRZYK\*\*, MEYER  
SAMOLS\*\*, SELMA SAMOLS\*\*, BERT FELTER\*\*  
ROYAL W. FRANCE\*


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Informant T-18:

On April 13, 1954, informant also reported on a meeting of the NSCWDC held on April 7, 1954 at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W. Informant stated that ABE BLOOM\*\* acted as Chairman of this meeting and that ROYAL FRANCE\* was the principal speaker. Informant stated further that JOE FORER\* and JOE SACHS\* also gave speeches. Informant advised that EDDIE MAJCHRZYK\*\* acted as an usher. b7D

According to informant, ROYAL FRANCE\*, in his speech before the group, stated that if the United States is afraid that the handful of Communists in this country will overthrow the government, then the government should be overthrown. Informant stated that the following individuals were among those in attendance at this meeting: b7D

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Informant T-27:

On September 21, 1954, informant made available an undated letter from TED JACOBS of the national headquarters of subject organization, New York City. This communication was directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*\*, according to informant. The informant opined that BERNSTEIN received this communication in about the summer of 1954. This letter is as follows: b7D

"Dear SYLVIA,

"DAVE and I talked things over and agreed with you that under the circumstances we discussed, it would be a waste to come to Washington with most people out. b7D

"However, it has developed that DAVE and I will be in Philadelphia Tuesday night where they are having a gathering. Then I'm going on to Baltimore for another gathering on Wednesday. b7D



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"Since Baltimore is such a short distance from you and the added fare so slight, I think it would be a shame not to continue on to Washington even just to meet with ETHEL and whoever else will be available.

"Therefore, I'd like to have you arrange something for Thursday, either the afternoon or evening, so that I can discuss some of the plans and problems. Then ETHEL and the others can see that the report of the discussion gets to the full committee.

"Please let me know by Monday, so I'll know how to plan things. Best regards.

"Sincerely,

"TED JACOBS"

Informant T-51:

Informant reported on November 9, 1954 that the RSCWDC conducted a meeting on that date at the headquarters for the SPDC, 930 F Street, N. W. Informant stated that the following individuals were among those who attended this meeting:

BERTRUDE EVANS\*\*, JOSEPH WEICHBROD, ETHEL WEICHBROD\*, NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN\*, ABE BLOOM\*\*, HELEN SHONICK\*\* and BECKY PEARLMAN\*\*.

#### B. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

Informant T-23:

On December 8, 1953, informant made available a flier issued by the RSCWDC and distributed by this group, announcing two New Years Eve parties sponsored by the RSCWDC and to be held on December 31, 1953 at 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., and Trenton Terrace (exact location not stated). This flier advised that reservations or information could be obtained from "LENI TEITELBAUM\*\*, HA 2-7285."

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CMG:bms

On December 8, 1953, informant made available the following circular letter issued and distributed by the RSCWDC:

"ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.  
c/o 930 F Street, N.W., Room 519  
Washington 4, D. C.

"November 14, 1953

"Dear Friend:

"The attempt of Senator JOSEPH R. MC CARTHY, on flimsy evidence which later backfired, to link innocent Americans at Fort Monmouth with espionage reveals that the leaders of reaction will continue to use ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, though dead, as symbols of American spying.

"So long as the ROSENBERGs remain unvindicated, reactionaries will continue this infamous practice.

"But the wildness of Republican charges against former President HARRY S. TRUMAN and others automatically builds a great wave of resistance. This wave of public opinion ultimately will demand an end of trial by hysteria. It is bound to demand a complete exposure of fake spy charges and high on the list will be the ROSENBERG case.

"Because MORTON SOBELL, serving an undeserved sentence of 30 years in Alcatraz for supposed spying activities which were never proved, is the living embodiment of the ROSENBERG case, his fate is bound to come under consideration.

"Because of this and because we know that truth will vindicate the ROSENBERGS and free SOBELL we are sending you the enclosed factual information about the SOBELL case.

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CMG:bms

"These victories will not come automatically. We need all the help you can give. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the fight. Won't you send in a contribution today?"

"Very Truly Yours,

"Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C."

Informant T-17:

On December 8, 1953, informant made available a copy of a mimeographed announcement issued and distributed by the RSCWDC, announcing two New Years Eve parties to be held December 31, 1953. This announcement is identical to that supplied by Informant T-23 set out previously.

On March 19, 1954, informant made available a leaflet published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case.

This leaflet dated March 11, 1954 takes issue on the guardianship of the ROSENBERG children, insisting that there has been an invasion of their rights and indicated that this leaflet was published to bring to the attention of the nation the "unprecedented effort to take the children away from their blood relatives and place them with strangers."

On April 2, 1954, informant made available a printed copy of the following announcement:

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Check this date

on your calendar!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

and . . . . .

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. . .join the fight to free

MORTON SOBELL

"Page 3

Hear . . .

DR. ROYAL W. FRANCE

World famous civil rights attorney  
and educator speaker  
'THE CRISIS IN CIVIL RIGHTS'

See . . .

'THE ROCK'

A new one act play based on the SOBELL case.

Check . . .

this date again

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 8:30 pm

Odd Fellows Hall 9th & T Streets NW

Folk singing

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Biographical note on DR. ROYAL W. FRANCE

Dr. ROYAL W. FRANCE, A.B., L.L.D.,  
after being a professor of economics  
and law at Hollins College, Winter  
Park, Florida, for the past 23 years,  
resigned his position to battle in  
the courtroom for the preservation  
of American liberties.

Recently Dr. FRANCE submitted to the  
United States Supreme Court an amicus  
brief signed by prominent Americans  
urging a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

sponsored by

ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE  
OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Informant T-9: b7d

Informant on December 7, 1953 advised that the RSCWDC was at that time active in the District of Columbia

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On December 7, 1953, the informant made available the following literature being distributed by the RSCWDC:

1. A booklet entitled, "The Scientist in Alcatraz, 16 Questions and Answers on the Case of MORTON SOBELL." On the last page of this pamphlet appears the following: "Printed as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York."
2. A copy of "The Progressive", Volume 17, Number 9, September, 1953. This issue contains a story entitled, "Mercy Call At The White House" by BERNARD M. LOOMER, which deals with the interview granted by President EISENHOWER to the Protestant Clergyman on June 16, 1953, who called on the President in a plea for clemency for the ROSENBERGS.
3. A pamphlet distributed by the RSCWDC dated November 14, 1953. This pamphlet advised that this committee was urgently in need of funds to carry on the fight and requested recipients of these pamphlets to forward contributions to the RSCWDC, Room 519, 930 F Street, N. W.

On April 13, 1954, informant made available the following memorandi distributed by the RSCWDC:

"WHY THE PERSECUTION OF THESE TWO SMALL CHILDREN?"

A Memorandum

"On Wednesday night, February 17, six people entered the foster home of two orphan children and produced a court order demanding that they be 'forth-with removed'. These people, representing social agencies, flagrantly violated the most basic procedures of child care and simple humanity.

"Why did six adults and a cordon of policemen surround the home of ten and six year old brothers? Why was the order for removal made without prior investigation and psychological preparation of the children? Why this departure from the usual procedures?

"Social agencies, dealing with children, have learned that months of careful investigation must be done to determine the necessity of removing a child from his home. A child must be carefully prepared for such drastic action to insure his future mental well-being. A child must be told why he is being taken out of his home, where he is going to live and who will take care of him. This is the usual procedure. Why were these children treated so inhumanely.

"These are not 'ordinary' dependent children; these are the children of the executed ROSENBERGS. These children have already suffered one of the greatest imaginable shocks. How much more can a ten and a six year old take? Is this a calculated attempt to destroy them because of their parents?

"The World-Telegram headlines its news report, 'Mysterious Court Action Trails Atom Spies' Sons'.

"The background: From the summer of 1950, when ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were in prison, to the present, their children have been uprooted time and time again. They were snatched from their parents and brought to the Greenglass grandmother.

"The City Welfare Department had them soon after and for a year they stayed in a city institution, a 'shelter' -- overcrowded and understaffed. In the fall of 1951 they were discharged to Grandmother SOPHIE ROSENBERG. Grief-stricken herself, the children taunted at school, she placed them in the care of family friends in New Jersey where they could establish new and friendly roots. Their report cards reflected excellent progress. After a year and a half, the local School Superintendent ordered the children removed from school as 'non-residents' ... grounds rarely invoked. Again the persecution took its toll. The children had to be moved.

"In December, another home was found by Grandmother ROSENBERG and the ROSENBERG's attorney, EMANUEL BLOCH, which offered renewed hope of a real home and family life. The foster parents were economically able to care for the children, who were further protected by a fifty-thousand dollar trust fund.

"Then EMANUEL BLOCH, their protector and link with the parents, suddenly died. With this protection gone, ignoring the closest next of kin, their paternal grandmother, Mrs. SOPHIE ROSENBERG, the government moved in overnight, demanded the children and without a single public warning or investigation step, or consultation with the family, on the pretext of 'protecting them', placed them back in a public institution.

"The press reports that the Department of Welfare petition charges that the children had no proper guardian, were being 'moved from place to place' and were being 'exploited' for fund-raising.

"These charges have nothing to do with the basic needs of the children for security and stability. The children have been forced by actions of public authorities to move twice in two and a half years. The movement of the children from home to home was not desired by Grandmother ROSENBERG.